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Bailey's Got Talent at shopping centre

BRITAIN'S Got Talent hopeful Bailey McConnell wowed more than 1,200 fans at a shopping centre.

The 15-year-old singer-songwriter took part in a meet and greet with fans at intu Milton Keynes, formerly Midsummer Place, on Saturday.

And due to the huge turnout Bailey stayed an extra hour to perform, take photos with his young fans and sign autographs.

The MK College student is currently waiting to find out if he's through to the live semi-final stage of the competition.

Martin Hindson, general manager, said: "We all have our fingers crossed for him and will be watching to see if he gets through."

Bailey added: "It was so exciting to have so many people turn up to see me; I could have spent another hour saying hi. intu Milton Keynes has been so supportive of me."

The shopping centre's name has been changed after it was bought by intu Properties PLC in March 2013.

The name change is the first stage in the company's 'exciting' rebrand of the centre.

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Heroic sisters in fire rescue

TWO sisters bravely helped rescue a lady from a kitchen fire in a bungalow.

Debbie Stimpson, 32, and her sister Laura Hobbs, 33, leapt into action after a neighbour alerted them to a fire at the end-of-terrace property in Laggan Court, Bletchley.

The sisters, who live in separate houses on the same street, had to break down the garden gate in order to reach the occupant, who was laying unconscious in the kitchen.

Debbie told MK NEWS: "We had to batter down the back gate to get to her. Thankfully the back door was open and we found her unconscious inside so we dragged her out and put her in the recovery position."

Debbie added she believed it was the adrenaline that made the pair jump into action.

She said: "I have five kids and Laura has two, but we didn't think for one second when we made that decision.

"But we did panic about it a bit afterwards as the fire was getting pretty bad."

Firefighters have said the blaze was started due to a cooking pan being left unattended in the kitchen.

Two crews from Bletchley and one from Great Holm attended the scene at 5.06pm on Monday.

They used one jet and two sets of breathing apparatus to put out the flames. They also gave the homeowner oxygen and handed her into the care of the ambulance service.

MK NEWS has been told that the lady was discharged from hospital after two hours and is now at home recuperating.

She has since thanked Debbie and Laura for their help rescuing her from the fire.

A Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said: "We very much hope that this lady will make a full recovery and we thank everyone who came to her assistance."

Parrot's head torn off

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A PARROT'S head was torn off after it was taken by thieves, leaving a five-year-old boy and his mother 'heartbroken'.

Zeki Keeble, from Netherfield, is still in shock after her beloved family pet Babie Pii was savagely killed following the break-in at her home.

Police are still investigating whether the African grey parrot's head was bitten or torn off by the thief before its remains were thrown onto the side of the road.

At about 4pm on Saturday, May 3 a silver Ford KA was seen outside Miss Keeble's home in The Hide.

The female driver got out of the car and shouted for the occupants to come outside. A topless, tattooed man then got out of the car, broke in through a front window of the house and stole the parrot from its cage.

They drove off with the pet past the National Bowl before the man leant out of the vehicle and discarded the remains.

Miss Keeble, speaking to MK NEWS through her tears, explained she had owned Babie Pii since he was 16 weeks old and he was taken the week before his first birthday.

She said: "I can't explain to you what heartache this has caused to me and my five-year-old son.

"African greys are known to have the intelligence of a four-year-old and Babie Pii was just starting to talk to me. I would come down in the morning and say 'good morning Babie Pii' and if ever I forgot to he would repeat it until I did.

"These people are just sick to have done this to a bird."

The 27-year-old, who also owns three Dogue De Bourdeux's including a puppy, has been keeping a blanket over Babie Pii's cage.

She said the burglary has left her feeling unsafe in her own home.

"This is meant to be my home but I really don't want to be here," she added. "There is blood all up the window and I can't get rid of it.

"Babie Pii didn't know anything else but human contact and for someone to have torn his head off is just disgusting."

Police have arrested a 28-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man on suspicion of burglary in connection with the incident, but they have since been released on bail.

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Grid road could shut until 2015

A MAIN road could be closed for five months so a new sewage pipe for 6,500 new homes can be installed.

The westbound carriageway of H4 Dansteed Way from near Corn Hill to the Lodge Roundabout is set to shut from August 28 until January 30 to enable Anglian Water to install the main for properties in the Western Expansion Area.

The redway in Dansteed Way could also be closed to pedestrians from July 28.

Residents in Two Mile Ash have been sharing their concerns about the work on social networking site Facebook.

Speaking to MK NEWS, Simon Galbraith, 47, from Two Mile Ash, said: "As well as everyone's general concern about the traffic we are worried for the elderly people who rely on the buses.

"We didn't know about this until a week ago – the public have not been consulted."

A spokesman for Anglian Water said: "We're in the process of applying for permission to carry out the work. The start date is still more than three months away but we will certainly be speaking to customers once we are able to provide more precise details."

Arriva has been advised the area's buses should not be affected.

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Apology for taking OAP from home

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes Council has apologised after a judge slammed it for unlawfully removing a frail pensioner from her devoted son's care after concerns were raised by social workers.

The octogenarian – referred to in court as X – was taken from her house to a care home by social workers while her son was away.

District judge Timothy Mort said: "He was not informed of his mother's whereabouts until 19 days after her removal and then, I am told, only in response to a letter from his solicitor."

He added the authority was guilty of 'deplorable' failure because it delayed the investigation into concerns about the OAP's welfare.

The council also failed to apply to the Court of Protection for the legal authority to remove the woman from her home.

The council's delay in pursuing its 'safeguarding investigation' – in which allegations were later dropped – meant the woman had restricted contact with her 'undoubtedly devoted' son and the judge added the council's dealing's were 'woefully inadequate'.

He made a ruling that X was unlawfully deprived of her liberty between the day she was removed from her home and the Court of Protection order, which moved her to a care home where she may remain.

A council spokesman said: "The council has apologised to those involved and has worked with partners over the last year to improve practice and will continue to do so."

Walking: Padma Cheriyan can suffer from hallucinations as a result of her condition – Charles Bonnet Syndrome

Padma helps to open eyes to sight loss

A WOMAN who suffers from sight loss and hallucinations has taken part in research to raise awareness of the condition.

Padma Cheriyan has a macular condition known as cone dystrophy and suffers from Charles Bonnet Syndrome (CBS) – where partially or severely sighted people experience hallucinations.

As a result she often sees cars rushing by her and trees moving that don't exist.

The 74-year-old from Bletchley, who has suffered with CBS for more than 10 years, said: "It is very difficult to get empathy concerning CBS. Getting people to understand is one of the hardest things.

"On one occasion I had to grab a lamppost and somebody asked if I'd had too much to drink."

Kings College London and The Macular Society have joined forces to research the condition in Revisiting CBS: Factors Influencing Negative Outcome.

As part of the study Mrs Cheriyan has been interviewed about her daily experiences so the organisations can inform other sufferers about all the condition's effects and raise awareness about CBS.

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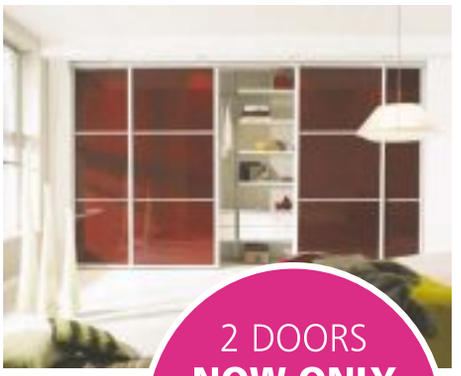

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Water is leaking into £60k homes

BY JAMES AVERILL
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HOMES built for just £60,000 under a Labour government initiative and now sold for as much as £250,000 are rotting because they leak in the rain.

The Oxley Woods development of 122 houses was the brainchild of former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, who launched a competition challenging housebuilders to construct family homes for £60,000.

But despite the homes only being seven years old, 16 residents have complained to the National House Building Council, which approved the development, because leakage problems are causing the supporting timbers in some of the properties to rot.

However, Lord Prescott has dismissed the claims, telling the Financial Times newspaper they are 'absolutely bloody rubbish'.

Moses Taylor moved into his home in Holden Avenue four years ago and started discovering problems during heavy rainfall six months ago.

He told MK NEWS: "The water comes through above the window every time it rains. It was a big shock because it is very new.

"The outside of the house looks nice but the inside is not made of quality stuff."

A spokesman for Taylor Wimpey, the scheme's housing developer, said: "A number of residents at Oxley Woods have reported issues and we are in the process of preparing a programme of remediation works for all affected homes."

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Feeling peckish: Delilah's 13 ducklings enjoying some scraps outside the centre's restaurant

Animal quackers at centre

A FAMILY of 13 ducklings are keeping visitors entertained at Frosts Garden Centre.

Mother duck, Delilah, is looking after her happy brood who wonder around the Woburn Sands centre's terrace restaurant. The family have also sent workers quackers by playing hide and seek in the shop.

A spokesman for Frosts said: "They are extremely friendly and love to eat out of customer's hands."

Frosts' Daisy Ellen Burgoyne, 22, won Young Florist of the Year at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show yesterday. For more see www.mkweb.co.uk

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A5 man is identified

A MAN who was found dead on the A5 in Bletchley last Wednesday has been named as Robert Warne, 39, from Beanhill. An inquest into his death was opened yesterday and heard Mr Warne, who suffered from schizophrenia, either jumped or fell from the A5 bridge near the V6 Redmoor roundabout.

Don't forget to vote

RESIDENTS can vote in the local elections tomorrow with all the seats at Milton Keynes Council up for grabs. Voters can also choose who they would like to represent them in the European Parliament. Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Teens' murder trial begins

A TRIAL into the deaths of two teenagers has begun.

The court heard yesterday how Mohammed Abid Farah, 19, was gunned down in an 'execution' style shooting over illegal drugs in Fishermead in November 2011.

Mohammed's cousin Adam Hassan told the jury at Luton Crown Court how he saw him on the day he died supplying cannabis to someone.

Brahim Hajji, 26, and Ahmed Ahmed, 20, have both pleaded not guilty to murdering Mohammed, as well as 18-year-old Amin Ahmed Ismail.

For the latest from the trial
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Man stabbed in throat after fight

A 28-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed in the neck after a fight outside a pub in Wolverton.

Police were called to the North Western pub in Stratford Road at about 11.15pm on Friday. The man was taken to hospital and has since been discharged. The offender is white with floppy hair and a centre parting. He was wearing glasses and blue jeans. Call police on 101.

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Not surprised by farce

HAVING attended a Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Parish Council meeting in February, I'm not surprised by your coverage of councillors resigning from the authority.(*'Council is resigned to a farce', MK NEWS, May 14*).

The meeting resembled nothing more than a 'Kangaroo court' from start to finish.

A very small group of residents, including an ex-parish councillor, were intent on being very disruptive during the full length of this meeting. I wanted to ask important questions about potholes in Queensway and was totally ignored by the chairman of the council.

The chairman, Angela Kennedy, should have stopped the meeting when residents, including a local shopkeeper, became very abusive and threatening towards Tony Mabbott while he was trying to speak on behalf of concerned residents. Very offensive comments against unemployed people and political debate was also allowed to take place during this meeting.

The council tax paying people of Bletchley deserve more respect after what took place at this meeting. I certainly wouldn't like to see that small group of abusive residents taking on these vacant councillor roles.

Rob Brown
Bletchley

'Absurd' housing plans

HAVING read a letter from a resident concerned about the possibility of more housing to be built in the Woburn Sands area, I would like to add some comments about MK Council and the ridiculous building policy in this part (and probably most) of Milton Keynes.

As everyone who actually lives and works in the Monkston, Middleton, Kents Hill, Woburn Sands and other surrounding areas already knows, the logistics of squeezing in more housing into an area where the roads, shops and schools are jammed full is completely absurd.

Already, our ability to just leave our estates has become extremely difficult, exacerbated frequently when there are accidents or problems on the M1 or A5 and the traffic heads through Milton Keynes. This is before the existing planned housing of Oakgrove and other sites have been developed.

Disappointingly, once again, the building of these sites appears to be soviet style, flat roofed boxes (nothing like the houses that surround them), mass built, close together with the same narrow roads and lack of parking that already plagues many of the existing estates in Milton Keynes. How many extra cars are already destined to join the queues in this area? What is the council's proposed solution? A traffic controlled roundabout at Kingston! I presume that means more traffic lights! Has the council even thought this out at all?

I can tell you what will happen. The queues will become longer and to avoid the traffic lights, cars will try to cut through all of the estates nearby or they'll head down the single lanes of the H7 and V10 from one way or the H9 from the other.

The lure from government monetary incentives to allow mass high density, cheap looking (but not cheap to buy) building on every scrap of land seems to be the governing factor in the planning department in Milton Keynes.

There seems to be no thought or concern about the living conditions of the residents now or in the future.

I'm so disappointed in all of the councillors. There seems to be very little between them and far from creating a beautiful workable city, they are creating a place that will be blighted by horrendous future problems.

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I believe in these stats

TWO can play the statistics game by B M Wadeson (*Letters, MK NEWS, May 14*).

When asked the census question 'what is your religion?' in a poll conducted in England and Wales, 61 per cent ticked a religious box while 39 per cent ticked 'no religion'.

When the same sample was asked the follow-up question 'are you religious?', only 29 per cent of the same people said 'yes' while 65 per cent said 'no', and only 48 per cent of those who ticked 'Christian' said they believed that Jesus was a real person who died and came back to life and was the son of God. (The poll was conducted in March 2011 by YouGov for the British Humanist Association.)

And the 2011 census showed people in Milton Keynes (around a quarter of a million of us) are six per cent less religious than the national average.

I note that this is B M Wadeson's second letter to MK NEWS in as many weeks. I thought it sad that in their previous letter they were prepared to condemn The Young Atheists Handbook without having read it (*Letters, MK NEWS, April 30*). The BHA has sent copies of the book to all secondary schools in Milton Keynes and as a freethinking Humanist I think this is an excellent initiative.

Alom Shaha's book raises a lot of questions about faith and in an intelligent, sensitive and moving way. I believe it will not only help students understand how people who do not subscribe to religion (or the idea of a 'God') can lead positive and constructive lives but also come to their own decisions about their faith, values and beliefs.

The term atheism is not 'simply a belief', as B M Wadeson claims, it is the absence of belief. If you ask an Atheist 'do you believe in God?' they will ask 'what do you mean by God?'

Sam Harris summed it up well: "Atheism is nothing more than the noises reasonable people make when in the presence of religious dogma."

This doesn't mean that atheists don't have beliefs, but rather they are open to revising what they believe in response to experience and scientific evidence. And for the record, most humanists are atheists. But humanism is not atheism: rather it is a positive attitude to life, centred on human experience, thought and hopes.

We are not interested in forcing our beliefs on anybody, B M Wadeson. We are simply asking that religions in general, and the CoE in particular, are not given special privilege in our increasingly secular society.

Mike Flood
Chairman, Milton Keynes Humanists

Jon Brett's City Life

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WELCOME to Newbradwell Pagnell.

With the news that the last remaining plot of land separating New Bradwell and Newport Pagnell is potentially to be developed for housing, the two areas could become one.

Where once green fields with far reaching views towards Northamptonshire were along the Wolverton Road, we now have Oakridge Park and Redhouse Park.

Two housing estates so similar in design and style that it is almost impossible to tell them apart as you drive by.

Now developer Barrett Homes has expressed an interest in developing the area known as Great Linford Lakes, reaching out toward Haversham, building 250 homes with the promise of a 'country park' if successful.

No doubt it'll promise a mix of housing and recreation and present some vaguely bland artist impressions of how lovely it will be, however, we all know it will be identikit housing, not enough parking, tiny gardens and some weird supposedly eco-friendly designs.

And this won't be the end of it. How long before Newport Pagnell is extended to Olney? And Olney to Bedford? And then Bedford to Northampton creating one huge, ugly conurbation which will one day stretch down the M1 to London and beyond?

I understand the need for additional housing. But at what price? Milton Keynes has already spread out beyond the 'designated area'. Where will it end?

I spent an evening in the company of songwriting royalty at The Stables last Monday. 10cc creator Graham Gouldman was in town with his band, which included former Newport Pagnell resident Mike Stevens. Graham's music spans five generations and next month he will be rightly inducted into the songwriters hall of fame. A fantastic show.

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Owner 'livid' after £70k theft

MORE than £70,000 worth of equipment has been stolen from a tree surgery and landscaping company.

Items taken from Trim A Tree include 20 chainsaws, two wood chippers and a stump grinder and it is believed the burglars used a van to take the equipment away.

The burglary has meant Ray Brown, owner of the company, has lost between £4,000 and £5,000 worth of business due to jobs he has been forced to cancel.

He is now looking into installing CCTV at his office and storage unit in College Road, Cranfield.

"I'm livid and absolutely fuming," said Mr Brown, 39, who has built the company up from scratch over the last 16 years and employs 13 people.

"I was brushing my teeth when I got a call from the manager about the burglary and I thought 'you're having a laugh aren't you?'"

The burglary took place between 10pm on Monday and 5.30am the following day.

Mr Brown said he had put the initials 'TT' on all the equipment and is urging anyone who is offered it for sale to contact the police.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact Bedfordshire Police on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Fuming: Ray Brown next to all his empty shelves after the burglary

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Couple found dead at home

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN ELDERLY couple who were both paraplegic were found dead in their home.

Edward McLaren, 73, and his wife Valerie Mary, 72, were discovered together at their home in Hills Close, Great Linford, by a doctor on May 9 at 10.15pm.

And they may have been undiscovered for up to three weeks as they were last seen alive by their son-in-law on April 27.

The opening of an inquest into their deaths at Milton Keynes Coroner's Court yesterday revealed the cause of death has not yet been found.

Despite both of them being confined to a wheelchair, Valerie Mary was also her husband's primary carer.

They were, however, visited once a month by a district nurse.

One neighbour told MK NEWS: "I don't know many people around here but I was always on a very friendly basis with them, they were very lovely people.

"They were confined to the house but we would occasionally see Edward at the Co-Op or both being transferred by taxi to hospital."

The full inquest is due to take place on October 2.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Charity single release

READERS are being asked to help get a charity single into the UK Top 40. One More Angel, which will raise funds for Harry's Rainbow, will be released on May 25 but can be pre-ordered at www.itunes.apple.com. It will enter the charts if more than 3,500 singles are sold.

Missing man search

POLICE are trying to trace Christopher Lamprell, 31, who was last seen in Tallis Lane, Browns Wood, on Sunday at 8.30pm. He is white, 5ft 10ins, slim, with brown hair and walks with a limp. He was wearing a navy sweatshirt and jogging trousers.

■ Visit mkweb.co.uk for more

Warning following burglaries

POLICE are warning residents who live in sheltered housing to be on their guard after a recent spate of burglaries.

There have been 12 thefts from homes reported in the last two months.

Officers are appealing to residents, as well as the families of those living in sheltered housing, to ensure they take all the necessary precautions to secure their properties.

■ A 20-year-old man from Milton Keynes was arrested on suspicion of burglary but released on bail until June 24 pending further police enquiries.

Heart disease caused death

A CORONER has been told that a man who was discovered in Willen Lake did not die from drowning.

Steven Rosario, 55, of Poplar Avenue, Luton, was found in the lake on January 21.

He had left a note at the nearby Premier Inn – where he was staying – saying 'must test life jacket'.

But in a hearing yesterday, coroner Tom Osborne heard how the cold water only triggered his death, as he had suffered with heart disease.

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New heights: Members with Dee Cope from the Alzheimer's Society, *left*, and Nancy Duncan *right*

Lift off for dementia group

PEOPLE under the age of 65 with dementia now have the chance to take part in weekly activities after a new group was launched by the Alzheimer's Society.

More than 30 people attended the event in Swinfen Harris Hall, Stony Stratford, on Monday, which featured karaoke, a buffet and balloon launch. It took place during Dementia Awareness Week, which has seen celebrities including Amanda Holden speak out about the condition. A new campaign and TV advert called Dementia Friends has also been launched.

Nancy Duncan, 60, from Sherington, who suffers with Alzheimer's – a form of dementia – said: "The more people who learn about this condition the better. I love the group's activities and it's nice to meet people."

Activities include walks and singalongs. For more information visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**

Stuck in house due to footpath

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN ARTHRITIS sufferer claims she has been housebound for seven months because an uneven footpath outside her home has not been fixed.

Jacqui Weaver, 61, *pictured*, who lives in Sandown Court, Bletchley, also suffers from lymphoma and can barely walk.

She is 'petrified' of the footpath outside her house – which she has already fallen over on once – and can't leave her home without help.

But with husband Paul working in Heathrow from 3.30am-5.30pm, she says she feels trapped.

"I've been housebound since the accident in October and I just want something done," she said.

"It seems like a normal path for most people, but for people like me who have difficulty walking it's a nightmare because it's so uneven.

"I want it flattened so I can go outside on my own and get to the end of the path without help."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "An inspection in January 2014 showed there are no safety defects. If the situation changes we will take the necessary action."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Filmmaker on TV

A 22-YEAR-OLD filmmaker will star in a Sky 1 programme on undiscovered talent after winning a competition. Andrew Bond, from Bletchley, was chosen by actor Idris Elba in the film category of the competition by Samsung, with others including music, food and photography. The show will be aired at 7pm every Sunday until June 8.

Talk on train secrets

WOLVERTON'S Royal Train secrets will be revealed at a special talk arranged by Parkinson's UK. The free event will take place at Centrecom, 602 North Row, next Wednesday from 2pm.

College still needs to improve

MILTON Keynes College still 'needs to improve', following its latest Ofsted inspection.

Not enough students are leaving the college with qualifications, according to inspectors who visited in February.

However, the college does provide good staff support for students with personal needs.

Principal Dr Julie Mills said: "We are disappointed."

Read more on this story and Milton Keynes Academy's Ofsted report at mkweb.co.uk

Appeal for missing teens

TWO teenagers have been missing for more than a week.

Sophie Munroe, 15, was last seen in Beanhill on May 12.

She is white, 5ft 2ins, with long brown hair with red at the front. She is believed to be with Daniel Atkins, 17, who has been missing from Volbeck Park since May 13. He is white, 5ft 4ins, with short brown hair. Call police on 101.

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Art will honour gay icon Turing

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Art for an icon: Pink Punters Gayle Dallas wants to remember gay icon Alan Turing

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE world's first work of public art to recognise wartime code-breaker Alan Turing as gay has been commissioned to appear outside Pink Punters in Bletchley.

The 'stunning' piece will be unveiled at a ceremony on the Bletchley Park hero's birthday, June 23, and will be placed outside the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender venue's clubhouse in Watling Street, where Turing himself would have passed on many occasions.

A team of artists in Yorkshire are now working on what will be a significant piece of public art capturing the life and fate of a man persecuted in the 1950s for his homosexuality.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Turing's suicide from cyanide poisoning at the age of just 42. Two years earlier he had undergone chemical castration as an alternative to prison after being prosecuted for the crime of being a homosexual.

Turing was finally granted a royal pardon by Queen Elizabeth on Christmas Day last year.

Pink Punters' project co-ordinator, Gayle Dallas, said: "We already have an Alan Turing room at Pink Punters celebrating his life and his amazing work.

"We felt it important, particularly to the younger generation, to learn about his life not only as a scientist but his personal life.

"Details of the art work are being kept under wraps until it is unveiled on his birthday."

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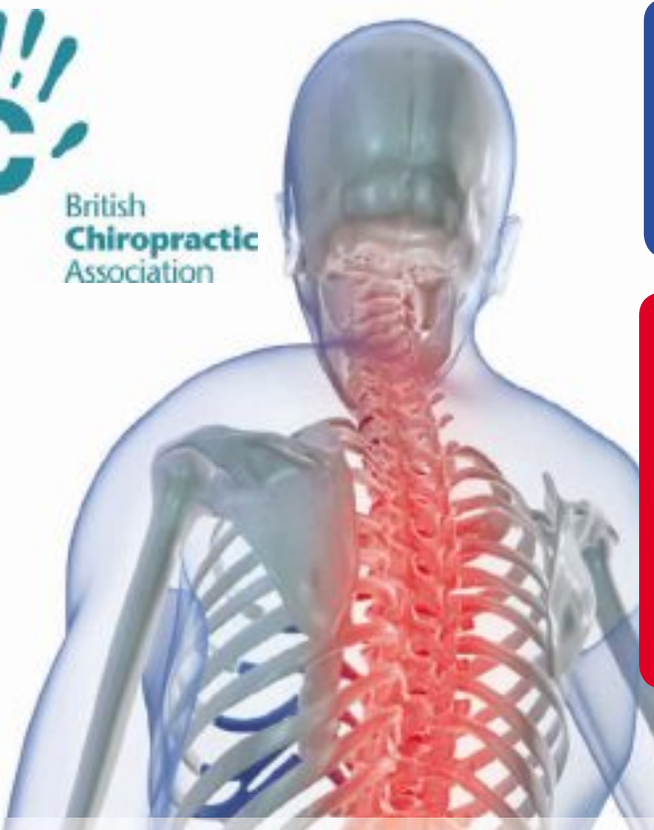

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Mental unit care was 'miserable'

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A FATHER has slammed the 'miserable' care his son received at a mental health unit where he hanged himself.

Anthony Letch, 34, from Walnut Tree, was a voluntary patient at the Campbell Centre in Eaglestone.

The centre provides services for people with severe or enduring mental health issues, but has faced recent criticism from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which found the unit failed to meet four of the five essential standards of care when it conducted an inspection of the site in November.

Anthony, an electronics tester, was found in the bathroom on the Willow Ward on November 2 last year having tied himself to the toilet roll dispenser.

Speaking at an inquest into Anthony's death at Milton Keynes Coroner's Court, Anthony's father Paul – who had called at the centre to pay his son a visit at the time of the incident – claimed that the care at the centre had been 'miserable'.

Poor care claims: The Campbell Centre in Milton Keynes

He told coroner Tom Osborne: "I was very critical of the care there. I felt his care had been absolutely miserable and the level of service he received could not have been worse than if they had pushed him off a cliff."

Afterwards he told MK NEWS: "It is my experience from what occurred with our son that there was no emergency life saving focus for those in crisis."

The CQC inspection took place eight months into an 18-month turnaround programme by the Central and North West London (CNWL) NHS Foundation Trust – which took over the 38-bed inpatient unit in April 2013.

The inquest was adjourned so an independent report into the incident could be drawn up.

MK NEWS contacted CNWL but it did not wish to comment at this time.

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Pitching up again: As travellers invaded Milton Keynes Village Pavilion, Michael Schwartz, *inset*, confronted them. He had already chased travellers from the land in November and fears they will keep coming back to the site

Travellers rip up football pitches

BY JAMES AVERILL
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UP TO 12 caravans descended on Milton Keynes Village Pavilion – ruining football pitches for games later that day.

MK NEWS received reports that travellers had settled there just after 2pm last Wednesday. When we turned up moments later police were already at the scene and ordered the group to leave.

An hour later the site was empty but was left damaged.

Michael Schwartz, who leases the pavilion from Broughton and Milton Keynes Parish Council, confronted them when they pitched up.

He said: "They've broken a yellow bollard to get in and damaged private property.

"You go over to these people nicely and try to reason with them and all you get in return is obscenities shouted at you."

The pitches were considerably damaged as the travellers towed each other out.

It is not the first time the site has been targeted as Mr Schwartz had to chase travellers away in November.

He added: "We had travellers on here twice last year as well.

"The damage was more this time because it was soggy.

"We've talked about this before with the parish council and The Parks Trust and unless more security is added then it is something that will keep happening."

A trust spokesman said: "We don't believe we own any land in the vicinity but one of our community rangers will speak to him."

MK NEWS contacted the council but no-one was available to comment.

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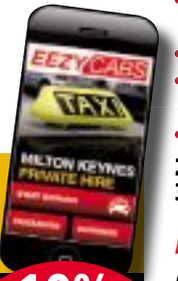

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TV chef will spice up culture festival

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FAMOUS chef will add some spice to an arts and culture festival.

Cyrus Todiwala, one of the Incredible Spice Men on BBC Two along with Tony Singh, will be a special guest at the Arts in the Park Festival on August 2-3.

This year the festival in Campbell Park, which is organised by the Milton Keynes Islamic Arts, Heritage and Culture Society, will have the theme of art and healthy cooking.

And three lucky residents will win the chance to cook in front of Cyrus, if they make it through a grilling cook-off at the Ramada Hotel in the city centre.

The chef will then select the winner at the festival.

The free festival, which is once again being supported by MK NEWS, aims to unite different cultures.

Organiser Anour Kassim said this year will be the 'biggest and best yet' and other attractions will include dancers, singers, fashion shows and an art wall.

He said: "It's going to be full of activities for the whole family. It's the place to be in summer."

Budding chefs are being encouraged to enter the cooking competition, which has a healthy eating theme in a bid to combat the city's growing obesity problem.

People need to enter a recipe that can feed a family for just £5, showing details of the recipe and costings.

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Turning up the heat: Chef Cyrus Todiwala will judge the festival's cooking contest

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Kids urge folks to Park Smart

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CHILDREN are being urged to take part in a poster competition that aims to teach their parents how to park better outside their school.

Milton Keynes Council has launched the Park Smart campaign for primary school pupils to help solve the problem of parents parking badly when they drop off and pick up their kids for lessons.

It follows a number of stories by MK NEWS highlighting the problem at schools in the area.

We revealed in January how parents at Two Mile Ash School were parking in ambulance bays, and in March we exclusively reported how CCTV could be used to spy on antisocial parking by mums and dads.

A council spokesman said: "Blocking entrances, parking on pavements or junctions or pulling up on the zigzag marked areas might not seem that much of a big deal when you're in a hurry but all of these can put children at risk and upset local residents."

Park life: Posters like the one inset will be used by the council to urge parents not to park like this one at Two Mile Ash School

Adrian Carden, who is a member of the council's road safety team, is hoping asking children to design the posters will pull on the heartstrings of parents and raise more awareness.

He said: "That's part of the ethos. Bad parking is an ongoing problem."

The competition is being run in partnership with Heart FM and entries must be sent to online@heart.co.uk by 11.59pm on Sunday, June 1.

The winning entry will earn the child's school £500 and a trip to the Heart studio.

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In debt firm's fresh start angers trader

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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New firm: View of Fast Fit Station Ltd which is still a base for Fastfit Station MK Ltd in Kingston Industrial Park

A COMPANY owner has expressed their anger at being left out of pocket after a city garage went into administration.

Fast Fit Station Ltd, which is based in Kingston, went into administration on April 23 after owing more than £225,000 to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and more than £1million to unsecured creditors, according to a Statement of Insolvency Practice report by CBW Chartered Accountants.

Since going into administration, the former directors of Fast Fit Station Ltd, Graham Barker and Mark Robinson, have bought the company's assets and set up new firm Fastfit Station MK Ltd.

This company is owned by Mark Robinson with Graham Barker as its sole director.

The move is something any firm can do under the Insolvency Act 1986.

One business owner, who is owed more than £3,000 by the former company, has expressed his outrage that businesses are allowed to do this and not pay off outstanding debts. They asked to remain anonymous to protect their company, but said: "Fast Fit MK Ltd has filed a statutory notice stating it is seeking to use the name Fast Fit in its trading practices.

"Therefore, what it is doing is to continue to trade, to all intents and purposes, as the same brand and the same business – but it is walking away from more than £1.25million worth of debt. This is just wrong. If I was a small company this could have put me out of business."

According to the statement Fast Fit Station Ltd was making substantial losses over the last two years.

The business owner added: "How could they continue doing business with companies like mine when they knew their finances were looking so bad.

"Fast Fit trades using the slogan 'good old fashioned service' – it's a shame they don't have good old fashioned morals and ethics."

It is not the first time the company has hit the headlines. As previously reported by MK NEWS, a social media storm erupted after a resident posted an angry comment on networking site Facebook about her husband's experience when he took his car for an MOT at the garage.

MK NEWS tried on several occasions to contact Mr Barker for a comment, but he did not respond.

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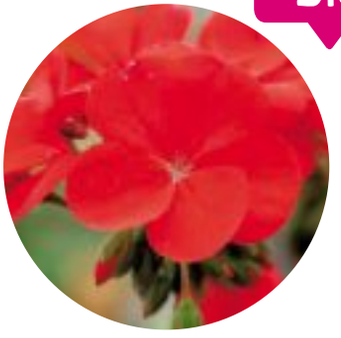

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Over 2,000 adults from all walks of life were tested by the Open University Business School (OUBS) on questions of a GCSE standard, which involved them making calculations to work out which savings accounts paid the most, how much income tax someone would be liable for, which currency exchange rates were the best and how expensive it would be to take out a loan.

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Race is still on so Get On Your Bike

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A GROUP of community-thinking volunteers have saddled themselves with a charity cycle ride to keep it going.

David Jenkins, from Newport Pagnell, and five friends have taken over the running of MK Get On Your Bike, which will take place at Furzton Lake on September 7.

The race has been raising money for Cancer Research UK since 2006 and David and his friends have ridden in every ride bar one since the event's inception.

"After the announcement last year that the previous event co-ordinator was stepping down, we felt such a great event for a good cause needed to continue," said Mr Jenkins.

Paul Hiles, another member of the group which has taken over the event, said: "We thought that the ride was for a worthwhile cause and we thought it would be a great shame for it to stop."

Wheely good: MK Get On Your Bike will take place in September

It's a new venture for the friends who hold LeRoc French jive classes around the city four times a year.

The group will have a stand at the MK Race for Life event on June 8 at Campbell Park, where people can register.

Cyclists can take part in the circular 12.5 mile Millennium cycle route, or the 2.5 mile ride around Furzton Lake from 11am. Event registration opens on June 1 at www.mkgoyb.org and costs £8 for adults and £4 for children.

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Comic inspires £90k show bid

Make a pledge: Nana Oguntola is hoping to raise £90,000 in 30 days for a TV show

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A MEDIA company is aiming to raise £90,000 in 30 days to produce a comedy drama for ethnic minorities – after being inspired by TV comic Lenny Henry.

JCC Local Media Initiatives (JCCLMI) – based in the city centre at Lloyds Court – has set up a Kick Starter Crowd Funding campaign to help produce the show called Weavers.

The 12-part TV series would be set in an ethnic hair salon in Milton Keynes, in which the main character juggles bringing up a teenage daughter with keeping the business afloat.

Their idea comes after funnyman Lenny called for a potential boycott of the licence fee by ethnic minorities, with the comedian lamenting the absence of such people both in front of and behind the camera in the industry.

If after 30 days the pledges amount to less than £90,000 then no funding will be received, but if the full amount is raised the show would be sold on to networks.

Nana Oguntola is the producer with JCCLMI, which has previously had success with 2003's Banjul Cops, which remains The Gambia's only drama series to have had successful runs on TV.

Nana said: "As a black female producer working in the UK, first of all I agree that there is a dire and shameful absence of people of colour on mainstream TV.

"I'd say to the likes of Lenny Henry and others on the campaign that you need to produce independently and support projects like ours.

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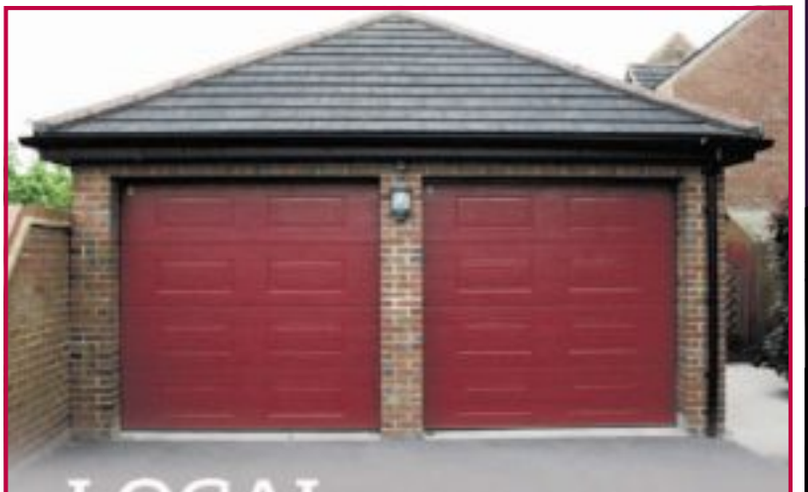

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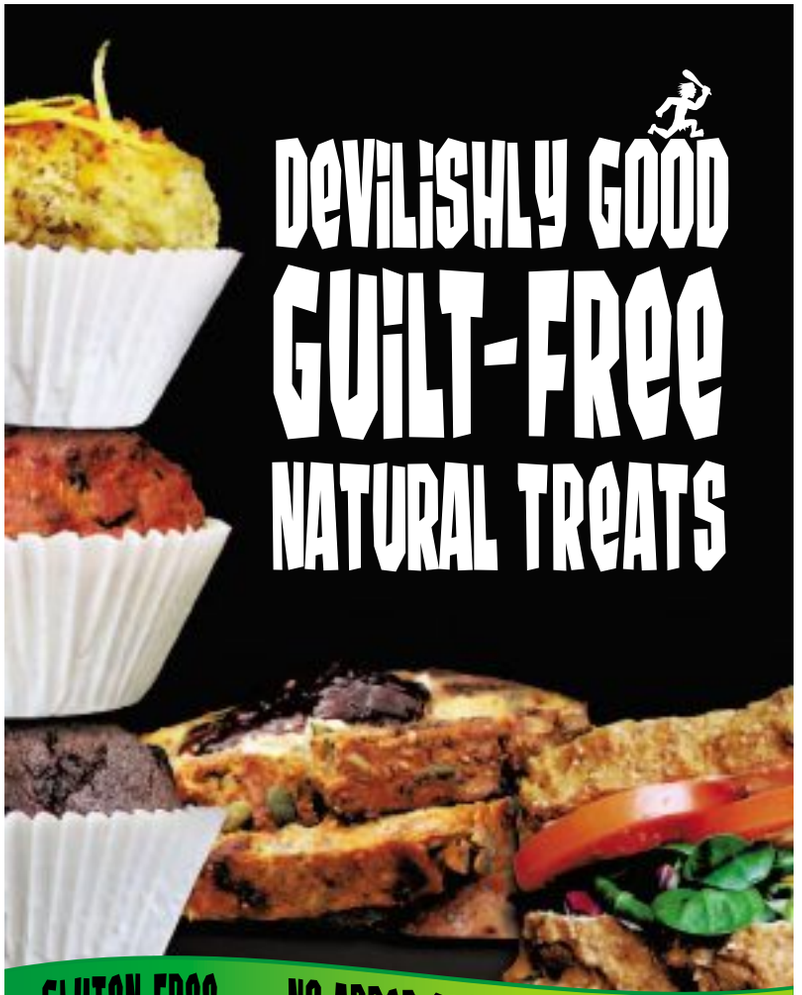

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Citizens unite for a better bus service

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A CAMPAIGN for a better bus service is travelling in the right direction, according to city community group Citizens:mk (C:mk).

More than one third of households in Milton Keynes don't have a car and rely on public transport.

Earlier this month 200 people attended a meeting organised by C:mk – which includes groups like churches, mosques and schools – to discuss their experiences of the city's bus service.

William Appiah said: "If the bus from my home in Heelands doesn't arrive, the only way to get to work in Brinklow is by taxi. I can't afford to keep doing this."

The meeting was attended by the city's main political party leaders, who agreed discussions need to take place between Milton Keynes Council, C:mk, Milton Keynes Bus Users Group and bus companies on how to create a Bus Passenger Charter, spelling out what users can expect.

Tom Bulman, C:mk community organiser, said: "Few users understand that bus companies work to a schedule where they can be six minutes late.

"The charter is the first step in the better service campaign."

Share your views on this: Comment at mkweb.co.uk

Event hopelessly devoted to Hollie

MORE than £18,000 was raised for charity at a Grease-themed Summer Lovin' Ball.

The event marked the launch of the Hope for Hollie Foundation as a registered charity supporting families affected by Niemann Pick Type C, also know as children's alzheimer's.

Held at the DoubleTree at stadiummk, it included appearances from Hollyoaks' Ayden Callaghan and Stavros Flateley.

Charity chairman Helen Carter said: "We never cease to be amazed by the support we receive."

Photobooth: Guests get a picture with Ayden Callaghan

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Young and old: The winning photograph by Jim Shannon

Family snap wins our photo contest

A HEARTWARMING snap of a grandmother and granddaughter came out on top in a photography competition held by MK NEWS.

Jim Shannon submitted this picture of his daughter and mother into our Perfect Pairing competition, which we ran in partnership with SpecSavers.

Photographer Andy Handley judged it the winner for its 'wonderful mix of old and young'. As a result Jim wins a digital camera worth more than £250.

MK design to be lauded in Venice

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A RESPECTED architect says the 'imagination' of planners who designed Milton Keynes needs to be celebrated.

Sam Jacobs is a founding director of the London-based practice Fashion Architecture Taste (Fat), which is behind the design of the new BBC village in Cardiff.

His company is responsible for the British Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale, which will attract nearly 400,000 visitors between July and November.

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And Sam says it is a period that Britain should be proud of and show off to the world.

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Young boy inspires

REPORTER Jess Duncan speaks to an inspiring youngster who is supporting Leo's Appeal

A COMMUNITY has been brought together to support Milton Keynes Hospital's Leo's Appeal thanks to one boy's story.

Jordan Asquith, 10, from Coffee Hall, has suffered from cystic fibrosis since he was a baby. The genetic condition causes mucus to clog his lungs and digestive system, meaning he has to regularly visit the hospital's children's ward.

To help Jordan during his time in hospital his family, including grandma Jean, have been fundraising in Coffee Hall for Leo's Appeal – MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year.

As part of the appeal, money is being raised for equipment like Playstations to keep children Jordan's age entertained while they receive treatment.

Jordan's mum Jolene said: "When Jordan goes into the ward they give him a room of his own and make it like home with lots of Manchester United posters.

"Jordan is needle phobic but they are really patient with him and explain everything."

The family have raised more than £2,000 for Leo's Appeal since it was set up in September and now Jordan is one of the poster boys for the campaign and has appeared in a promotional video.

He said: "People at school know and ask me lots of questions."

Thanks: Jordan at the hospital

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Jordan's school, New Chapter in Coffee Hall, was one of the first to sign up to the appeal's recent Wear It Blue Day.

"It was good fun and we made rice crispy cakes", added Jordan.

Jean, who looks after Jordan when his mum is at work, has helped organise a family fun day at Coffee Hall Community Centre, which will be held on July 19 to raise money for the appeal and the hospital's cystic fibrosis unit.

In their bid to raise as much money as possible for the appeal the family have received ongoing support from the estate's One Stop, Coffee Tots, Bridge Academy and The Moorlands Centre.

Jean said: "I was in tears watching the campaign video Jordan was in for Leo's Appeal, which really made me want to help.

"For Jordan cystic fibrosis is part of his everyday life and he has to take a lot of medication. But supporting MK Hospital Charity and Leo's Appeal will help make it easier for all the children who have to visit."

Vanessa Holmes, fundraising manager for Leo's Appeal, said: "The Asquith family

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community for Leo

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Poster boy: Jordan and his mum Jolene posing for Leo's Appeal

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Charity to Snap into action to alter views

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CHARITY is hoping to change the way people view those with disabilities in the workplace.

MK SNAP, based in Walnut Tree, helps people with disabilities develop life and work skills.

Chief executive Maureen McColl said: "We feel that as a community in Milton Keynes, we are so accepting of the diversity in our city but we are not so accepting of people with disabilities in the workplace.

"We want to celebrate their contribution in the community and remove some of the ignorance of people who assume that if someone is in a wheelchair they can't work – let's show them what they can do."

The charity is keen to showcase the talent that exists within the disabled community on Disability Awareness Day.

The event at MK Rose in Campbell Park on July 13 from noon to 3pm, will feature a carnival-themed picnic and music, dance and activities by those helped by MK SNAP.

MK SNAP: Maureen McColl, *third from right*, with clients and staff who want to showcase talent in the disabled community

It will be attended by city-based paralympians, including archer Valarie Williamson, fencing champion Gabi Down and footballer Alistair Patrick-Heselton, and aims to put the city on the map as a place that inspires a 'can do' attitude among its whole population.

Mrs McColl added: "We work with a young lady, Anna, who has severe autism, a hidden disability, but is working at the Inn at Woburn, cleaning and making up the rooms.

"Because of her autism she wants everything perfect and her employees are really impressed. Her self-esteem has gone through the roof and her parents are so happy to see she is making a difference in the community."

Anna, 24, who lives in Willen, said: "It has really changed my life."

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Lord Grey School delighted at three pieces of good news!

Governors, staff and students are feeling very proud of Lord Grey School in Bletchley at the moment. The school is thrilled to have had three significant pieces of good news in a short time frame.

The good news started when the school received a letter from the Chief Executive of SSAT congratulating them on being in the top 20% nationally of schools for best value added.

This builds on a similar congratulations this time last year when the school received an SSAT award for being in the top 20% nationally of most improved schools for 5+ A* - C including English and Maths.

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The Headteacher and Chair of Governors will be attending an award ceremony in London to receive the certificate in early June. The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, commented "What's pleasing about this award is that it is testimony to the hard work of all staff.

This award reflects the fact that our students do well across the whole range of curriculum subjects and it reflects both long term progress and all round achievement. There are no quick fixes here; it's a reflection of determined hard work on the part of all staff and students".

The second award came in April when the school gained notification that it has been awarded an International Award at Intermediate Level from the British Council. This reflects the many overseas trips and visits that happen, the foreign language work that takes place within the school and the cultural links that the school has fostered, particularly with Ruyuan School in China. Miss Rebecca Reynolds from the Languages Faculty played a significant role in helping the school to achieve this award. It builds on the former status of the school as a Languages College and the school now has an ambition to move the award up to the Higher Level next year.

The third piece of good news came in early May when the school found out that it had gained a prestigious Quality Mark from the Institute of Education in London for Continuing Professional Development. The school was assessed at Gold level, which is the highest level possible, for the quality of its CPD for staff. Mr Jon Day, Assistant Headteacher, had driven this initiative forward and he was thrilled that the school gained the Gold Award. Mr Day said: "we gained a Silver Award three years ago and we have been working hard to build on this ever since. It's absolutely fantastic that we now have a CPD award at Gold Level because it shows that good professional development for our teachers and support staff is at the heart of what we do".

The school intends to build on this by renewing its Inclusion Quality Mark and applying for more accreditations via the Equality Mark, Cultural Diversity Mark and Sports Mark. Such accreditations reflect the professionalism within the school.

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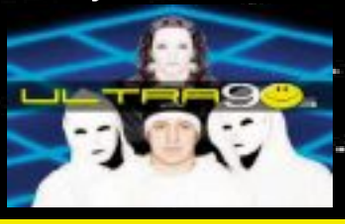

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Good sport: Footballer Leah Williamson, *centre*, receives her £2,000 bursary from Julia Upton, MK Community Foundation's chief executive, and its president Alexander Boswell, who is also Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire

Cash for sport stars

BY SCOTT KIRK
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RISING sport stars from the city have been awarded bursaries to help them achieve their goals.

Kayak superstar Kimberlee Aldred, 17, badminton young gun Harry Arksey, 15, Arsenal footballer Leah Williamson, 17, and Paralympic football player Alistair Heselton, 31, were all given £2,000, which will be used to help pay for travel and coaching expenses, among other costs.

Harry said: "The amount of money my mum and dad have to put in is huge, so these awards are a huge help."

The MK Community Foundation handed out the cash at a SportsAid lunch at the Jurys Inn, Midsummer Boulevard, on Friday.

SportsAid is a national organisation that helps young sport stars with their finances at the start of their careers.

The foundation also announced that wheelchair fencer Gabi Down will be awarded £200. As previously reported by MK NEWS, the teenager has had her funding towards qualifying for Rio 2016 cut.

"These people are community leaders of the future," said chief executive Julia Upton.

"These young sport stars have got significant skills and talent and as they get older and better they have got to be more equipped and travel further afield, which is a very expensive business."

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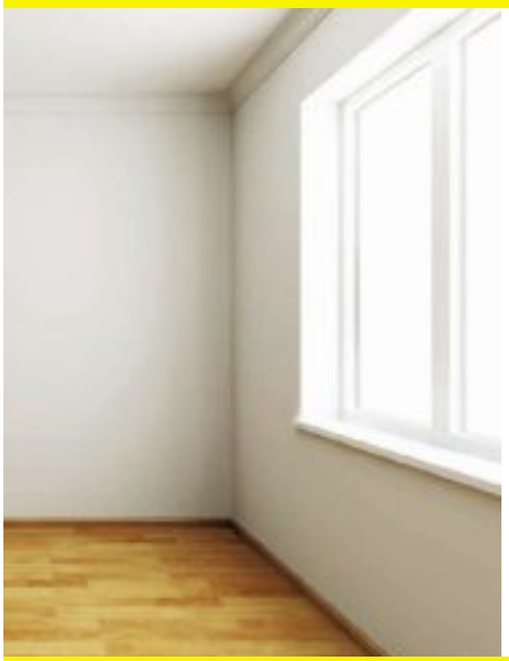

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After fighting against increasingly bad health over the last year, Michael Fagan passed away on Sunday 18th May 2014 at Willen Hospice surrounded by his family.

There will be a service at St Mary's Church in Haversham on Friday 30th May at 3pm, with his cremation at Crownhill Crematorium at 4.15pm, followed by refreshments at Michael's family home.

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Our thanks also to Dr Dungarwalla and all the staff at the Macmillan Unit in Milton Keynes Hospital who cared for Terry throughout his illness and to all the staff at Willen Hospice. Further thanks to Rev. David Marshall and H W Mason, Bletchley for a fitting memorial service.

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A rocking return for food festival

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN ANNUAL food festival will return to rock a town later this year.

Now in sixth year, the Big Olney Food Festival (BOFF) will take place over two days in September and for the first time a music competition will help you rock your socks off.

ROCK with BOFF begins in July at the Two Brewers pub in the town with the semi-final during the August bank holiday. The final will be held on the second day of BOFF on September 7.

Sam McCallum, co-organiser of BOFF, said: "The competition is open to all sorts of musicians. Whether they are a soloist or in a band, aged 16 or 80, we are welcoming all styles of music to take part."

The winner of the competition will get a four-hour recording session at Eastwood Studios in Hanslope, their track will be played on Secklow Sounds radio station and they will receive a paid spot at next year's BOFF.

ROCK with BOFF: Band The Imprint have entered the competition

Ross Gardiner, 37, is a member of The Imprint, a four-piece band inspired by pop and funk.

He said: "We have entered BOFF for the excitement and enjoyment of performing live.

"Winning would be a nice bonus, but we enjoy meeting other musicians too."

The festival, which is organised by Olney Chamber Of Trade to promote everything the town has to offer, will also feature more than 20 stalls offering food and drink.

Money raised from the event, which starts on September 6, will be divided between city charities and other events in Olney.

Ms McCallum, 45, from Olney, added: "It is such a fun local event and every time we try and bring something new."

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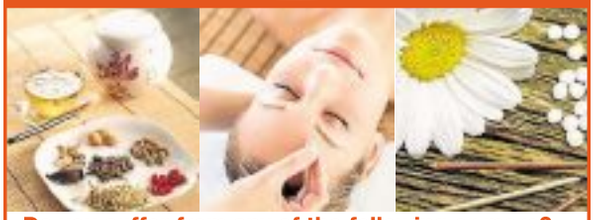

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BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESEARCHERS from the Open University are part of an international team unlocking the mystery of supernova explosions and black holes.

In a paper published last Wednesday in the Astronomy and Astrophysics journal, the researchers describe how they believe they have found the partner star of a 'magnetar' for the first time.

Magnetars are an unusual and exotic form of neutron star. The discovery helps solve a conundrum dating back 35 years – specifically how magnetars form and why this particular star didn't collapse into a black hole as astronomers would expect.

The paper explains that when a massive star collapses under its own gravity during a supernova explosion it forms either a neutron star or black hole. Like all these objects they are tiny and extraordinarily dense – a teaspoon of neutron star material would have a mass of about a billion tonnes – but they also have extremely powerful magnetic fields.

The Westerlund 1 star cluster, located 16,000 light-years away, hosts one of the two dozen magnetars in the Milky Way.

Simon Clark, from The Open University's Faculty of Science, which is based in Walton Hall, is lead author of the paper reporting the results.

He said: "In our earlier work we showed the magnetar in the cluster Westerlund 1 must have been born in the explosive death of a star 40 times as massive as the sun.

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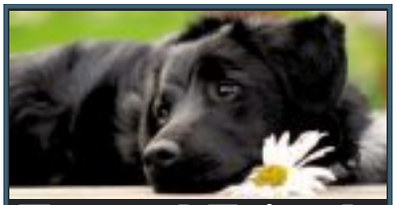
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Mobo award-winning saxophonist set to blow you away

YOLANDA Brown is widely regarded as the emerging 'voice' of mainstream jazz in the UK.

She has toured with The Temptations, Errol Brown, Courtney Pine and Diana Krall and collaborated with artists such as Mica Paris, Soweto Kinch and Jools Holland's Rhythm & Blues Orchestra.

Her music is a wonderful mix of genres, touching on jazz, soul and reggae.

YolanDa was interested in a host of musical instruments in her formative years, but at the age of 13 settled on teaching herself the saxophone.

It is that instrument that also catapulted her to fame within the music industry, but as her career has developed she has shown her expertise on the piano.

She's won plenty of recognition as a result, including Mobo and Urban Music Awards.

"The thing is, when I look out into the audience at my shows, I can't really tell," she says when asked what her target audience is.

"I see all sorts, all ethnicities, all ages, either sex. So really, I guess, I'm making music for everyone."

Tickets for the show, at 8pm on Friday, cost £16.50 from www.stables.org or by calling the box office on 01908 280800.

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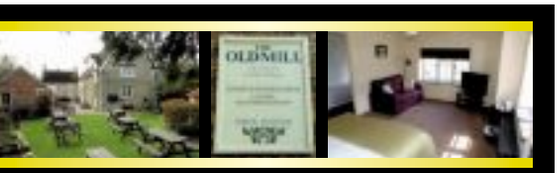

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carnivalcapers

THIS is your chance to win a pair of weekend tickets to the upcoming Electric Daisy Carnival, which is packed full of household names.

On July 12-13 the world-famous dance music festival will return to the UK for an epic two-day party that will further establish this international event as a highlight of the UK summer calendar.

Electric Daisy Carnival UK promises to be even bolder and more spectacular than 2013's sold out inaugural event, making the trailblazing festival the most impressive show of 2014.

This year it will be transforming the iconic Milton Keynes Bowl into a new world.

The Bowl has hosted concerts by some of the most famous musical acts of all time and this time EDC presents a line-up that boasts the brightest dance music stars including Avicii, Steve Angello and Acceptable in the 80s star Calvin Harris.

Stages this year will include Kinetic Field, Circuit Grounds and Cosmic Meadow.

The festival will feature its signature creative elements, including state-of-the-art production and special effects, roaming costumed performers and interactive art installations.

Expect an unrivalled visual experience, as Electric Daisy Carnival UK presents the biggest LED show.

For your chance to win, complete the following lyric to this Calvin Harris song.

"It was acceptable in the..."

A) 60s
B) 70s
C) 80s
D) 90s

WIN weekend tickets to the Electric Daisy Carnival

To enter visit www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions Alternatively, you can send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, May 28. The editor's decision is final

gobritain!

BRITAIN'S Got Talent is by far the best reality TV show in my mind, writes Scott Kirk.

The auditions are always my favourite part of shows like these and some of the bonkers acts they get on stage have me in fits of laughter.

You have to wonder what's going on in some of these people's heads!

Likewise, some of the talent this country genuinely has makes me proud to be British.

Of course it's always good to see some of the locals do well and this year Milton Keynes has Bailey McConnell, **pictured**, and Edward Pinder.

I also like the judges – David Walliams absolutely cracks me up, even if he does rub some people up the wrong way, and I find the judges just as entertaining as the acts themselves.

Britain's Got Talent is usually on ITV1 at 7pm on Saturday, with Britain's Got More Talent following the programme on ITV2.

bear-illiantfun

CHILDREN can build their very own cuddly bear from Monday at Frosts Garden Centre.

During the half-term break your little ones can head to Woburn Sands to build a bear, complete with birth certificate and carry bag.

The activity lasts about an hour and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitors can also join in the teddy bear-themed party with games, a glass of juice and a teddy bear biscuit.

Tickets cost £9.99 per child with workshops until Friday, May 30 at 10am, noon and 2pm. Spaces are limited so book at www.frostsgroup.digitickets.co.uk

funnymen

WOUGHTON Comedy Club continues its run of famously funny stand-up shows with another three top comedians from the prestigious UK circuit.

Host comedian will be Rhodri Rhys, **above centre**, who regularly performs in London, as well as across the UK and internationally.

Before becoming a comedian Rhodri qualified as a chartered surveyor and became a property entrepreneur in Eastern Europe.

He has been the subject of a number of TV and radio programmes in Welsh, Czech and English, performing gigs in Warsaw, Moscow, New York, Budapest, Prague and Bahrain.

Joe Bor, **above right**, winner of the Best Value Show at Leicester Comedy Festival 2010, will open proceedings.

A hugely likeable observational character comedian, his act consists of anecdotes from his upbringing, working in a school and failed relationships.

Polo Mint Comedy Award winner, and Best International Act (San Francisco) winner Nick Wilty, **above left**, will be the headline act.

Known in the trade as the 'Globetrotting Comedian', Nick has performed on every continent except Antarctica.

Tickets to the event, on Friday, June 6, cost £10 for comedy club members and £12 for others. Doors open at 7pm, with the show beginning at 8.30pm. Call 01908 660392, or visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/woughtonleisure to book.

soundart

HALF-TERM workshops will be held at MK Gallery.

Aaron Head and sound artist Jonny Hill have teamed up for this latest Collaborate session.

With the aid of multiple speakers, microphones and a host of textures, shapes and materials, they will lead children aged seven and over in creating a DIY Orchestra. The aim is to generate a collection of beautiful ramshackle constructions that are equal parts sculpture and musical instrument.

Booking is essential and tickets for the free events on Friday, May 30 from 10am to noon and 2-4pm are available at www.eventbrite.co.uk.

greatgodzilla

HE'S back. Godzilla stomps on to the big screen radiating awe on a monstrous scale.

Who would have thought that director Gareth Edwards could successfully hark back to the original 1954 film while still delivering a breathtaking and tense CGI masterpiece.

At the centre of the story is Bryan Cranston, who injects angst, paranoia and heartache to perfection in his role as Joe Brody.

He works in a nuclear power plant near Tokyo where seismic activity leads to a tragic accident. Convinced that the Japanese government is hiding something, Brody convinces his estranged son Ford to go to a quarantined zone to find the truth. No surprises here: dad was right.

This is not your typical Godzilla versus the city story. Despite the reported £95million budget, we only get brief teasing glimpses of Godzilla as Edwards anchors the plot to small dramas amid the mayhem.

But there's plenty on hand to get your monster fix as the film cleverly builds to a monstrous showdown. When the new super-sized Godzilla does make his debut there's no way you can miss it, with a hulking gait that harks back to the 1954 original.

Traditionally about giant destructive monsters, this is a surprisingly human story with the monsters taking a backseat at all the right moments.

★★★★★ **Rachael West**

tiamcgraff

TIA McGraff writes her own songs straight from the heart based on her own experiences.

Described as having 'a voice stolen from angels', Tia first stepped into the international spotlight on a CBC TV special with Johnny Cash and June Carter.

Soon heavyweights such as Randy Bachman, Dan Hill, Andrew Gold, The Storys, Henry Priestman, Mark Slaughter and countless others were inviting her to write and record with them.

Tia plays at The Stables at 8.45pm on Friday. Tickets cost £10 in advance from www.stables.org or from the box office on 01908 280800. Tickets cost £12 on the door.

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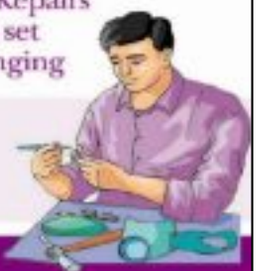

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Sunday 28 May, 8pm **JULIE FOWLIS**
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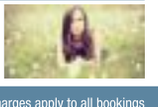

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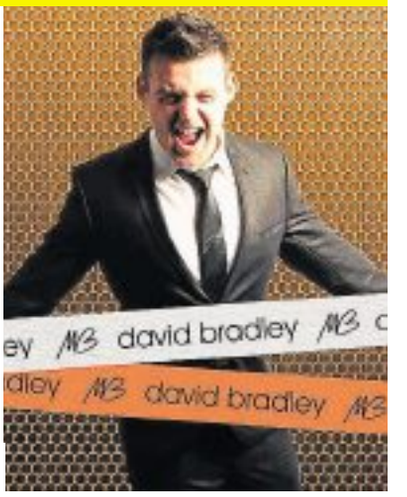


bubblebeer

FREDDIE Mercury, Robbie Williams and Michael Buble will be entertaining audiences at a May Beer Festival this weekend.

The free entry event is being held at The Cross Keys pub in Woolstone and, as well as the tribute acts, there will be 20 real ales to keep the fun flowing.

On Saturday David Bradley will be performing as Michael Buble from 7pm, followed by his well-renowned take on Robbie Williams.

Music starts from 3pm on Sunday and includes Billy West as Freddie Mercury at 7pm.

The festival will be open from noon until late both days, so get your family and friends together for a rocking weekend at the 16th century thatched pub.

To book your place visit www.crosskeysmiltonkeynes.co.uk

EACH month The Parks Trust writes an exclusive column for MK LIFE. This month Julie Dawes, events and recreation coordinator, talks about how walking is a great way to enjoy MK's parks

PEOPLE of all ages and abilities stepped out earlier this month for the Milton Keynes' Walking Festival, enjoying 21 walks in the city's beautiful parks.

If you missed out don't worry as there are still many opportunities to discover more about the park on your doorstep, or explore an area further afield.

Why not try one our self-guided walks? Created with the help of one of the trust's volunteers, Peter Burrett from Old Farm Park, we have six walks varying in length from 2.5 miles to 4.7 miles, which let you discover a rich variety of wildlife, beautiful landscapes and heritage.

Peter's created mainly circular walks that include step-by-step instructions to guide you around lakes, woodland, riversides, meadows, roman and medieval remains, canal towpaths and orchards.

The walks cover Ouse Valley Park, including Old Wolverton, Great Linford Lakes, Walton Lake to Caldecotte Lake, Loughton and Teardrop Lakes, Ouzel Valley Park and Woughton on the Green and North Loughton Valley Park.

Each guide provides details of the length of walk, how long it will take and its level of accessibility for wheelchair and pushchair users. All six maps are available for free from www.theparkstrust.com

bigimpression

ALISTAIR McGowan is looking to make a big impression when he comes to Milton Keynes Theatre with a star-studded line-up for Pygmalion.

Speaking with MK LIFE's **Judy Riley** prior to the show's run from May 27-31, the stand-up comic, writer, director, actor and impressionist stars as Professor Henry Higgins in George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy – a play which first premiered in London 100 years ago, although McGowan still feels it's relevant today.

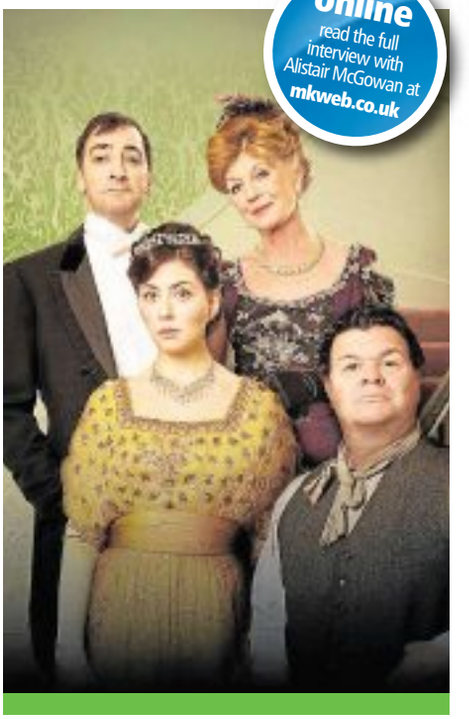
"It's popular, well-known, there are good lines in it, lovely characters and it has political issues that are still very topical.

"It deals with the whole issue of social mobility and has its echoes on TV in shows like Faking It and the X-Factor."

It is a first reappearance in MK since the 90s for Alistair, who was last in the city in a comedy guise.

"I did a stand-up set for Chris Moyles who was running a comedy night on a Sunday in a sports venue? Or something like that…"

Tickets cost between £15 and £37.50 and to book phone 0844 871 7652, or email www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes



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nature day

BECOME naturists at Milton Keynes Museum this weekend where they'll be lots of creeps, crawls, squawks and buzzes.

Visitors can enjoy the newly opened nature walk, go pond dipping and join in with some arts and crafts with The Park's Trust and RSPB. Looking under the microscope families can learn about insects, frogs and more.

Open from 11am-4.30pm all bank holiday, tickets can be bought on the door and cost £7.50 for adults, £6 for concessions and £22 for families of two adults and up to four children.

kite flying

LET'S go fly a kite this half-term with The Park's Trust at Furzton Lake.

Children can make their own kite and fly it to its highest height for just £3 each. Suitable for ages five plus, the event on Tuesday is from 10am to noon. Book at www.theparkstrust.com

musical medley

ENJOY the best of musical theatre from each decade from Saturday.

From Showboat and Anything Goes, through Oklahoma and West Side Story to Wicked and Matilda, Musical through the Decades is full of great songs.

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british baking

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Get Your Bake On sees Paul take to the stage for an evening of baking, comedy and fun.

He will demonstrate up to four of his favourite recipes during the show and four lucky audience members will be invited to take part. Tickets for the show, on Sunday at 2.30pm, cost £32.40 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

rock pop

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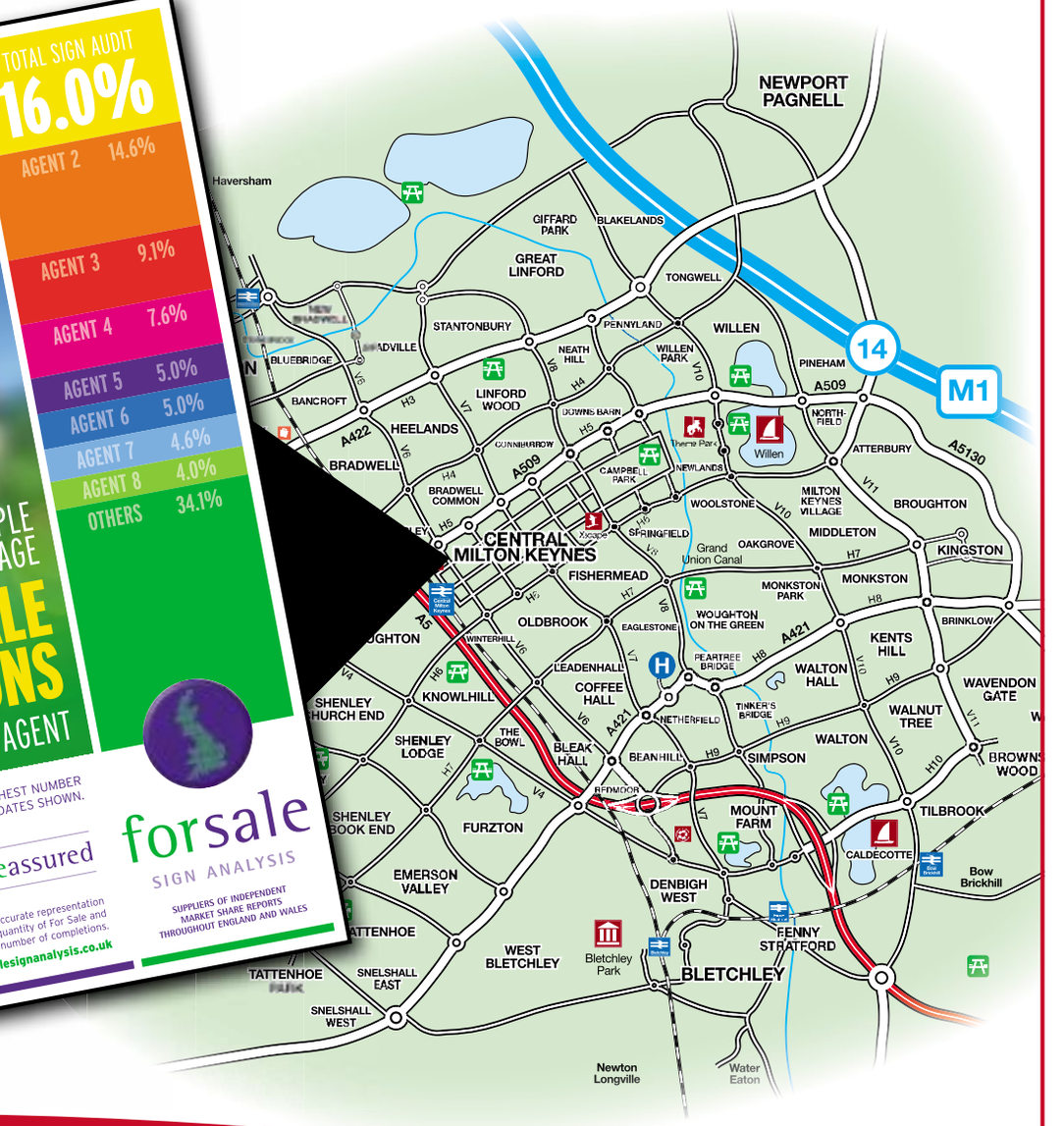

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Little Horwood

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With many features, including exposed beams and picturesque views, this property is a magnificent find with plenty of history and character.

Sitting gracefully on approximately half an acre of land and accessed by a private roman road, this majestic cottage offers views over rolling countryside from both front and rear aspects.

The gardens have been beautifully landscaped and well stocked, offering peace and tranquillity.

Located in the delightful village of Little Horwood, the cottage was bought in 1970 by the current owner and has been the perfect home.

The accommodation comprises entrance hall, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, separate wc, lounge, master bedroom with alcove/study area and two further bedrooms.

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Newport Pagnell

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- Private Rear Garden
- Potential Annexe

Quaint and wonderfully presented chalet style property in the heart of Newport Pagnell, only a short walk from the High Street and benefitting from a double garage with annexe potential, private rear garden and flexible living space, this is a must view home.

£499,950

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- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage
- Well Presented

An immaculatley presented five bedroom detached family home in the popular Old Farm Park and offered with no upper chain. Benefitting from a detached double garage and and private setting, an internal viewing is highly recommended.

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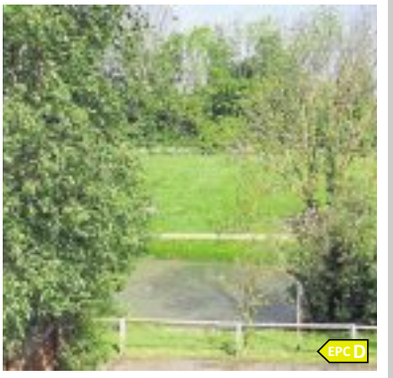
Ashland £369,995

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens

Bradville £365,000

- Five Bedroom Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Lounge
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



Broughton £167,500

- No Upper Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Sought After Area
- Gas Central Heating

Springfield £200,000

- End Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Conniburrow £197,500

- Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Willen Park £195,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Kitchen & Living/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Kents Hill £175,000

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Fishermead £172,500

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Garage

Eaglestone £160,000

- End Terracced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Gardens & Garage

Eaglestone £145,000

- Bungalow Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage

Conniburrow £135,000

- Over 55's Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Communal Gardens

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- Upper Floor Flat
- Reception Room
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

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Bancroft £240,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Gardens

Wavendon £325,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- One Bathroom

Kents Hill £310,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Three Reception Rooms

Oakridge Park £280,000

- End Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Ashland £279,995

- Detached Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garden & Garage

Campbell Park £250,000

- Four Storey Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Resident Parking

Campbell Park £250,000

- Well Presented Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Residents Parking

Bolbeck Park £235,000

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- No Onward Chain

Vizion £230,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Kitchen/Lounge Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Resident Parking

Fishermead £230,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Walnut Tree £225,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

Fishermead £220,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Parking
- Garden

The Hub £200,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden & Parking

Oakhill £195,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

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Cosgrove £450,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Exposed Beams

Stony Stratford £225,000

- Three Bedroom Apartment
- En-Suite to Two Bedrooms
- Close to Local Amenities
- Popular Historic Town

Wolverton Mill £200,000

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner

Fullers Slade £176,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage

Castlethorpe £135,000

- First Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Fitted Kitchen

Castlethorpe £100,000

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- No Onward Chain

Potterspury £80,000

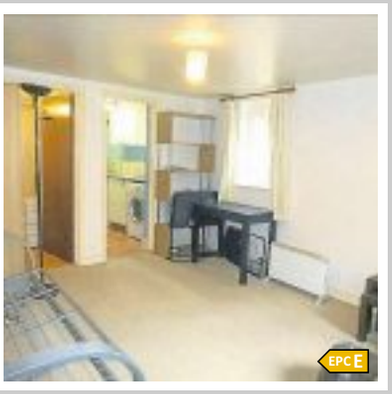
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Shared Ownership

Permayne £187,500

- Three to Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bathrooms

Old Stratford £85,000

- Studio Apartment
- Open Plan Living Space
- Kitchen
- Viewing Recommended
- Communal Gardens

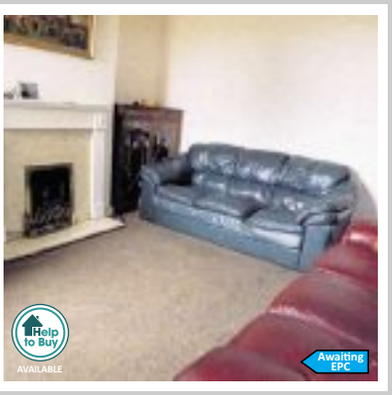


New Bradwell £195,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Wolverton £190,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden



Stacey Bushes £175,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage Parking

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Woburn Sands **£325,995**

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

Broughton **£200,000**

- Three Bedroom Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Popular Location
- Balcony

Woburn Sands **£295,000**

- Three Double Bedrooms
- South Facing Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Broughton **£290,000**

- Flat/Apartment
- Two Bedrooms & En-Suite
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Study
- Communal Gardens

Woburn Sands **£175,000**

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden & Sought After Location

Broughton **£175,000**

- Two Double Bedroom Property
- Gated Electric Secure Parking
- En-Suite to Master
- No Chain

Newport Pagnell **£325,000**

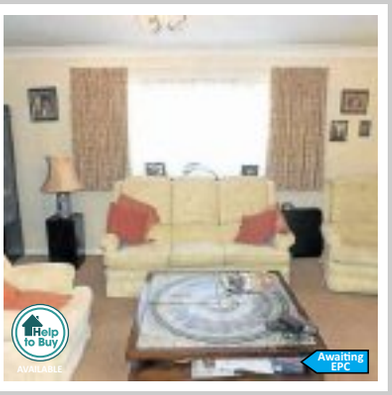
- Four Bedroom Property
- Cloakroom & Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Newport Pagnell **£245,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Converted Garage

Newport Pagnell **£250,000**

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom



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Lintlaw Place £235,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage
- Clu-de-Sac Location

Mersey Close £230,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Killerton Close £219,950

- Terraced Proeprty
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Redwood Gate £210,000

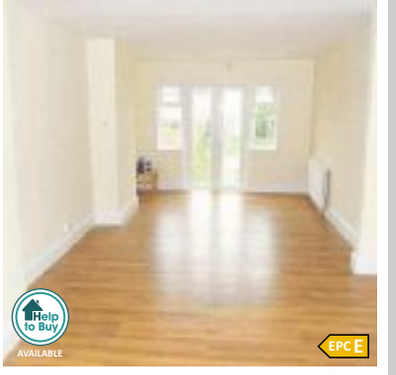
- First Floor Two Bedroom Apartment
- Galleried Mezzanine Area
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Gated Parking & Communal Gardens

Brooke Close £199,995

- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Good Transport Links

Water Eaton Road £165,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Garden



Otterburn Crescent £190,000

- Three Bedroom Terraced Property
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Kitchen/diner
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens

Mayer Gardens £27,000

- Shared Ownership Scheme
- One Bedroom Upper Floor Apartment
- Kitchen & Balcony
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain

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Bradville £365,000

Wilson Peacock are proud to offer for sale this fantastic five bedroom detached property with stunning views over the canal, situated in the popular location of Bradville. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room and conservatory.

Furzton £315,000

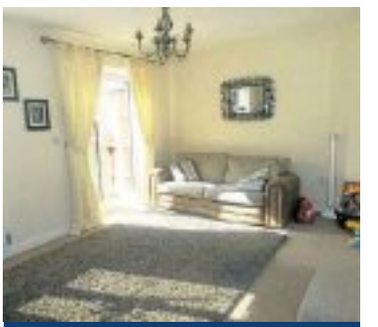
Well presented four bedroom detatched family home situated in the popular location of Furzton. The Property in brief comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/dining room, conservatory, first floor landing, four bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and garage.

Great Holm £310,000

Wilson peacock are proud to offer for sale this four bedroom family home in the popular location of Great Holm, with great school catchments and local amenities this property is a must view. The accomodation briefly comprises kitchen/diner, lounge, four bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Oakridge Park £280,000

Family home situated on Swaledale End, Oakridge Park in Milton Keynes. The accommodation is set over three floors and comprises a bay fronted kitchen/diner with integral appliances, 16ft lounge with window and doors leading to rear garden, downstairs cloakroom, four bedrooms and airing



Bradwell £245,000

Wilson Peacock Milton Keynes are offering for sale this detached three bedroom family home situated on The Spinney in Bradwell. Situated in a cul-de-sac location with off road parking leading to garage.

Cranfield £235,000

Wilson peacock are proud to offer sale this fantastic four bedroom semi-deached property in the fanastic location of Cranfield. Outside there is off road parking for several cars a garage and rear garden.

Furzton £225,000

Three double bedroom property. There is easy access to Lakes which is a favourite for walking and is situated in the popular location of Furzton.

Eaglestone £160,000

The property in brief comprises of entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, front and rear garden and garage with off road parking.

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Newport Pagnell £192,000

Two bedroom home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property is a short walk from all local amenities and is in the catchment area for the outstanding local schools.

Milton Keynes £415,000

A four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property has been fully renovated over the years by the current owner and boasts a modern European luxury theme.

Newport Pagnell £220,000

A three bedroom family home situated in Newport Pagnell. The property benefits from gas central heating, driveway, garage and school catchment for the excellent ousedale secondary school.

Newport Pagnell £190,000

A three bedroom family home situated in Newport Pagnell, the property benefits from short walks to local amenities school catchment for Ousedale,Green Park and other excellent local schools.

Newport Pagnell £190,000

Three bedroom home which has been modernised and improved throughout by the current owners, this home benefits from gas central heating, landscaped garden, modern re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

Willen Park £145,000

Beautiful one bedroom property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property benefits from short walks to Willen Lake and local amenities.

Pennyland £325,000

Situated looking out on to the Pennyland with stunning views, this spacious townhouse offers flexible accommodation over three floors including two reception rooms and four bedrooms.

Pennyland £270,000

Located within short distance to Central Milton Keynes, Wilson Peacock. This property benefits from re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite, WC and new carpets and four bedrooms.

Rillaton Walk £107,500

Two bedroom second floor apartment situated in the ever popular Hub location in Milton Keynes. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom.

Milton Keynes £195,000

A two double bedroom semi detached property situated on Fortescue Drive in Shenley Church End. Comprises lounge diner, kitchen, family bathroom, driveway and garage.

Milton Keynes £195,000

A two double bedroom semi detached property situated on Fortescue Drive in Shenley Church End. The property comprises lounge diner, kitchen, family bathroom, driveway and garage.

Aspley Guise £300,000

Full of character features including stable doors, open fire places and a traditional kitchen this property offers both space and luxury with gas central heating.

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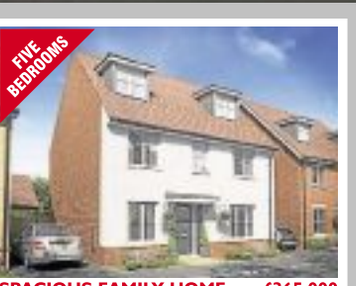

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A fantastic duplex maisonette. The property`s accommodation is spacious throughout and offered in excellent condition. Benefits include two great size bedrooms with a dressing area and en-suite to the master, secure parking and views of parkland.

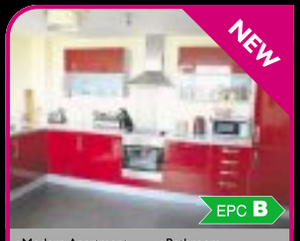
Medbourne OIEO **£210,000**

A fantastic four bedroom detached house with garage situated in Newport Pagnell. The property offers that much needed family accommodation and is located near to local schools and amenities.

Newport Pagnell OIEO **£285,000**

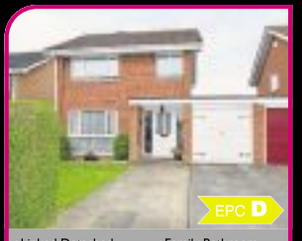
A four bedroom terraced townhouse. With three floors of living benefiting an open plan lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast, master bedroom suite with en-suite and dressing area, three further bedrooms, garage and rear garden.

Broughton OIEO **£250,000**



- Modern Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Balcony
- Communal Gardens
- Concierge

Vizion, Central Milton Keynes £175,000

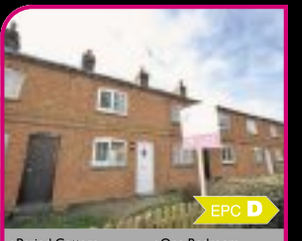


- Linked Detached
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- 1/2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Downstairs Cloak
- Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £245,000

- Studio
- First Floor
- Living/Sleeping Area
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Secure Entry
- No Above Chain
- Ideal Investment

Central Milton Keynes £82,500

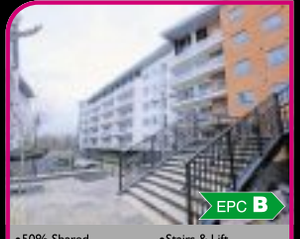


- Period Cottage
- Refurbished
- Open Views To The Rear
- One Bedroom
- Village Location
- No Above Chain
- Call For Information

North Crawley OIEO **£140,000**

- Mid Terraced
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Lounge
- Balcony
- Kitchen/Diner
- Well Presented

Greenleys £125,000

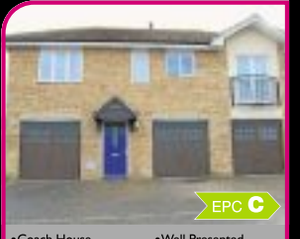


- 50% Shared Ownership
- Canal Views
- Large Open Plan Living Area
- Stairs & Lift
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Secure Entry
- Secure Parking

Wolverton Park £90,000

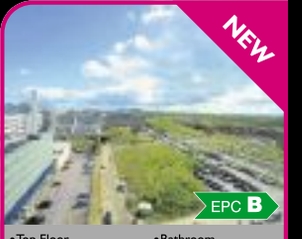
- Detached
- Refurbished
- 3 Bedrooms
- Separate Receptions
- Utility/Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Plot
- Viewing Is Essential

Bletchley £239,995



- Coach House
- No Above Chain
- 2 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Well Presented
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Broughton OIEO **£170,000**



- Top Floor
- Open Plan Living
- Balcony
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Secure Entry
- Underground Parking
- No Above Chain

The HUB, Central Milton Keynes £215,000

- Town House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Room
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge
- No Above Chain
- Views Of Parkland

Campbell Park £240,000

A well maintained four bedroom detached house ideal for the growing family, benefiting three reception rooms, two en-suites and a family bathroom. Situated on the south westerly side of Milton Keynes and located with sought after schools nearby.

Westcroft £340,000

An executive townhouse within walking distance of the shopping centre, Xscape leisure complex and theatre district. With feature high ceilings and a mezzanine dining area overlooking the lounge, floor to ceiling windows and master bedroom suite.

Campbell Park £325,000

Situated just a stones throw from Lodge Lake is this exceptional four bedroom detached house. The property is offered for sale to a high standard throughout with great accommodation to meet the needs of a growing family.

Great Holm £450,000

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WESTCROFT £279,950

- Townhouse family home
- Four bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Garage
- Walking distance to Westcroft Centre

MIDDLETON £650,000

- Detached executive home
- Five bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Feature open plan living
- Kitchen/diner/family room
- Formal sitting room
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Dressing area to master bedroom

MONKSTON £249,950

- Chalet bungalow
- Two/three bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Study/bedroom 3
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Separate lounge
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing

BUCKINGHAM ROAD £172,500

- Victorian property
- Two bedrooms
- Separate lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility area
- Upstairs bathroom
- Driveway

STONY STRATFORD £699,950

- Detached family home
- Six bedrooms
- Sitting room
- Formal dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Utility room
- Two downstairs cloakrooms

SHENLEY BROOK END O.I.E.O £459,950

- Detached home
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Cloakroom
- Utility room
- En-suite to master
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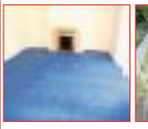

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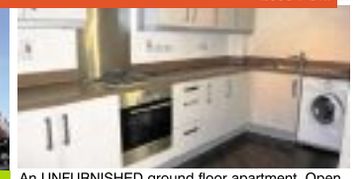

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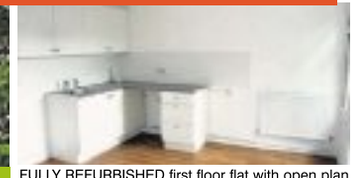

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Countrywide plc sweeps the board at the ESTAS Awards
Customers vote Countrywide plc as the UK's Best Estate and Lettings Agency Group

Countrywide plc, the UK's largest property services group, won 18 estate agency and lettings awards at the prestigious Estate & Letting Agent Awards 2014 (ESTAS 2014), for delivering outstanding customer service.

The UK's largest estate and lettings agency group, which includes Taylors Estate Agents in Milton Keynes, received top awards in the following national chain categories: Best Large Chain (Lettings) and Best Large Chain (Sales), which Countrywide plc has won for the sixth consecutive year, as well as a new award entitled Best Estate and Lettings Agency Group.

The awards were presented by TV property expert Phil Spencer at a luncheon ceremony at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel, London. The event was attended by 700 of the UK's top estate and letting agents and

suppliers to the industry.

The ESTAS awards, now celebrating their 11th year, are the only industry awards based purely on the votes of buyers, sellers and landlords. The annual awards recognise the best offices in the UK for delivering outstanding customer service and customers are asked to vote for estate and letting agents based on their experience in 2013. Hundreds of agents from across the UK took part and over 32,000 questionnaires were completed by customers during the competition, making it the biggest consumer survey of its kind in the property industry.

Commenting Bob Scarff, Managing Director of Estate Agency, Countrywide plc, said:

"We take great pride in being voted Best Large National Chain (sales) for the sixth year running and winning the new combined award for Best Estate and Lettings Agency Group is a fantastic achievement. Our customers are at the heart of our business and these awards comes off the back of our significant investment in a customer focussed employee programme, to continually improve our service and ensure our approach and methods of communication are aligned with our customers. These awards are testament to the confidence that our customers have in the excellent service provided by Countrywide across the UK."

Commenting, Nick Dunning, Group Commercial Director, Countrywide Residential Lettings, said:

"It is important to us to ensure that our customers feel valued and satisfied with the service they receive. We are delighted to win these awards which are voted by our customers and are testament to the hard work of our letting agents across the UK and the customer service they provide."

Phil Spencer, who has hosted the ESTAS every year since their inception a decade ago said:

"The ESTAS are about making people happy, putting a smile on their face and making a genuine difference to peoples' lives. An agent's role is about guiding people through one of the most stressful times in their lives and that's not an easy job. In a world where it's becoming increasingly difficult to make contact with a real person in a company, isn't it so refreshing that you can phone almost any estate or letting agent in the UK and get straight through to a real person. The ESTAS help agencies to focus on customer service levels and that's why agencies keep coming back".

To find out more, please contact:
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Notes to Editors:

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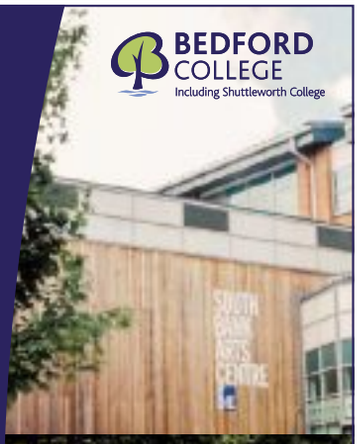

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MPS / UPS Vacancy ID: 101347

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Full-time

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Interviews will be held on Mon 16 June.

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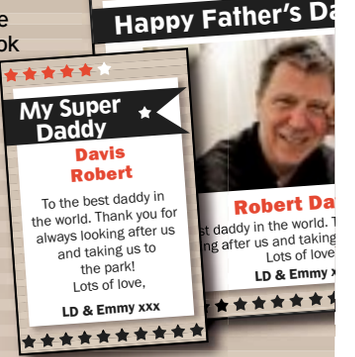

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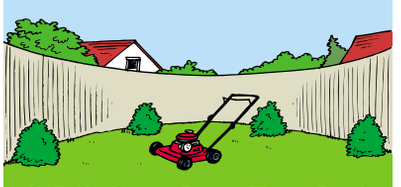

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BLETCHLEY YOUTH CENTRE	25th July 2014	18:00 – 19:00	BLETCHLEY YOUTH CENTRE DERWENT DRIVE, BLETCHLEY

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Neil Hanley or Paul Davey on the details below:

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123, (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of open space land that forms part of the Olney Centre, High Street MK46 4EF and at Kents Hill Sports Ground, Frithwood Crescent MK7 6HQ

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 4thJune 2014. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposals is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PARTS OF SAXON GATE, SILBURY BOULEVARD, MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD, WITAN GATE, UPPER SECOND STREET, UPPER THIRD STREET, UPPER FOURTH STREET, UPPER FIFTH STREET AND UPPER SEVENTH STREET, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event known as "MK Cycle Festival 2014", a national cycling event, which has been requested by Mr Richard Duffill on behalf of Milton Keynes Council. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all access along various lengths of roads within Central Milton Keynes and to prohibit vehicles from parking within some parking bays within Central Milton Keynes.

It is anticipated that parts of the following roads and any access roads and car parking places located within the lengths of road stated will be closed to all vehicles at various times between the hours of 00.01 am and 23.59pm on Saturday 7th June 2014:

Silbury Boulevard, CMK - From its junction with Upper Fourth Street to its junction with Upper Seventh Street;

Midsummer Boulevard, CMK - From its junction with the north-eastern kerbline of Saxon Gate around the whole of the stub end at Midsummer Place;

Midsummer Boulevard, CMK - From its junction with Upper Fourth Street to its junction with Saxon Gate;

Witan Gate, CMK - From its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with Avebury Boulevard;

Saxon Gate, CMK - (south-west side only) From its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with Avebury Boulevard;

Upper Fifth Street, CMK - Its entire length;

Upper Seventh Street, CMK - Its entire length.

Whilst the above lengths of roads are temporarily closed the alternative route for traffic will be via Grafton Gate, H5 Portway, Secklow Gate and Avebury Boulevard and vice versa.

It is anticipated that parts of the following roads and any access roads and car parking places located within the lengths of road stated will be closed to all vehicles at various times between the hours of 00.01 am and 23.59pm on Sunday 8th June 2014:

Silbury Boulevard, CMK - From its junction with Grafton Gate to its junction with Saxon Gate;

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Whilst the above lengths of roads are temporarily closed the alternative route for traffic will be via Grafton Gate, H5 Portway, Secklow Gate and Avebury Boulevard and vice versa.

Access will be maintained for residents, emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 7th June 2014 at 00:01 hours and will continue in operation for a maximum of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the sooner.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the event.

The course will be clearly signed and marked and marshals will be in attendance throughout the event. Where road closures are to take place these will be signed prior to the event taking place.

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of reasons for making the Order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL/P&E/009431/TCO/2372.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

21st May 2014

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Milton Keynes Council

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SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/00955/FUL Single storey front extension, entrance lobby and glazed frontage at 10-12 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford

14/00978/FUL Single storey front extension at 86 Western Drive, Hanslope

14/00995/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling with detached garage at 32 Wood Street, Woburn Sands

14/01016/TCA Notification of intention to reduce height of one Plum tree to 2 metres at Allotments SE of No 10 Mount Pleasant, Stoke Goldington

14/01010/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Cherry tree at 36 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 & 73 **LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/00970/FUL Change of use of ground floor retail unit to provide additional facilities for disabled patients for first floor dental practice with internal alterations to the fabric of the building at Former Hollywood Music, 90 High Street, Stony Stratford

14/00971/LBC Listed building consent for the change of use of ground floor retail unit to provide additional facilities for disabled patients for first floor dental practice with internal alterations to the fabric of the building at Former Hollywood Music, 90 High Street, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 & 73 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING IN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/00942/FUL Proposed conversion and extension of existing farm building and erection of 3 new properties for short term residential rental accommodation and change of existing units 4 and 5 to 1 x two storey single unit at Home Farm, Lane To East of A509, Warrington, Olney

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**

14/01072/LBC Listed building consent for proposed conversion and extension of existing farm building and erection of 3 new properties for short term residential rental accommodation and change of existing units 4 and 5 to 1 x two storey single unit at Home Farm, Lane To East of A509, Warrington, Olney

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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14/00984/MKCOD3 Variation of condition 4 attached to 13/00897/MKCOD3 to change wording of condition to 'The car parking areas (and turning areas) shown on the approved plan shall be constructed, surfaced to match the existing and permanently marked out within three months of occupation. The car parking area so provided shall be maintained as a permanent ancillary to the development' at Priory Rise School, Bronte Avenue, Tattenhoe Park

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(HORSEFAIR GREEN, STONY STRATFORD)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely, Folk on the Green, which is being promoted by Mr Bob Adams and to enable members of the public to watch the event, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting along the whole of Horsefair Green, including the suspension of the parking bays, between its junctions with London Road and Calverton Road and Silver Street, Stony Stratford and to prohibit all pedestrian access along the footpath leading from Cofferidge Close to numbers 13a and 14 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford and along the footpath leading from Calverton Road to Chestnut Close, Stony Stratford.

The alternative route for northbound traffic will be to proceed via Silver Street, Market Square, Church Street, High Street and London Road and for southbound traffic to proceed via Wolverton Road, Queen Eleanor Street, High Street, Church Street, Market Square and Silver Street.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Sunday 15th June 2014 at 7.00 am and will continue in operation for a maximum of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the earlier, but it is anticipated that the closure will be in effect until 10.30 pm the same day.

Pedestrian access to premises shall be maintained throughout the closure. There shall be no other exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles and vehicles used in connection with this event.

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing it and a map indicating its location and effect may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard and at Stony Stratford Library, 5 - 7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, during normal opening hours and at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton, quoting reference PH-S16A-TTRO-472.

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21 May 2014

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(VARIOUS ROADS, MIDDLETON) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect:-

- Additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along the east side of the carriageway on Noon Layer Drive opposite its junction with Deacon Place, Middleton, Milton Keynes

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Copies of any Order to be varied or revoked by these proposals can be viewed during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 13 June 2014 quoting reference PH-S21-TRO-091.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
NORTH STREET AND SOUTH STREET (PARTS), CASTLETHORPE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of two sets of speed cushions and a raised table hump to be placed along North Street and South Street, Castlethorpe, Milton Keynes.

SPEED CUSHIONS:-

The two sets of speed cushions will be constructed of rolled asphalt wearing course to BS 594.

The dimensions of all speed cushions will be as follows:-

Length: 4.8 metres **Width:** 1.8 metres **Height:** 75 millimetres

The location of the speed cushions will be as follows:-

- North Street, Castlethorpe - From a point 26 metres westerly of its junction with South Street, continuing for a distance of 3 metres in a westerly direction
- North Street, Castlethorpe - From a point 26 metres north-east of its junction with South Street, continuing for a distance of 4.8 metres in a westerly direction

RAISED TABLE HUMP:-

The raised table hump will be constructed of "bituminous material or similar and will have a central lift of 75 millimetre"

The dimensions of the raised table hump will be as follows:-

The hump will extend across the width of both carriageways on North Street and South Street and its overall length measurements will be 36 metres in a westerly direction and 42.5 metres in a southerly direction

The location of the raised hump will be as follows:-

- From the junction of North street and South Street – From a point 13.5 metres on North Street east of its junction with South Street, continuing for a distance of 36 metres in a westerly direction and in South Street to a point 42.5 metres in a southerly direction

Any objections to the proposal, together with grounds on which they are made must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 20 June 2014 quoting reference PH-S90-NOT-010.

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Inconsistency and injury in 2014 thwarted another Dons campaign

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IN the second installment of a two-part review, sports reporter Scott Kirk looks back at a season in which MK Dons finished tenth in League One. This week, we look at January until May.

Creeping in: David Martin concedes against Sheffield United

JANUARY

THE first month of the year saw Dons fans met with news they would rather not hear – that of loanee Chelsea forward Patrick Bamford leaving the club.

He went on to finish the season with Championship side Derby County, and will feature in their squad for their play-off final with QPR this Saturday.

But the 17-goal hitman said it was an emotional occasion when he played his final home game in the 0-0 draw with Colchester United on New Year's Day.

"Milton Keynes has given me the foundation to try and push on and get to where I want to be," he said. "I wanted to be loyal to Karl Robinson so I felt a bit bad leaving but speaking to Chelsea they want me to be ready for their first team and the only way I can do that is by playing at a higher level so I had to do it really."

His final game came in a fascinating 3-3 draw at holders Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup, where he scored with six minutes left to earn Dons a dramatic replay at the DW Stadium.

They were losing 2-0 and 3-2 throughout the tie, but a Ben Reeves double in first half injury time began the fightback, before Bamford's late show.

Dean Bowditch scored his only goal of the season when he came on as a substitute in the 3-2 home success against Shrewsbury Town, and it was the high point in a desperately frustrating 2013/14 for him, with the winger out for most of the campaign due to a hip problem.

The Wigan replay followed that game, and the night started well for Dons when Luke Chadwick scored after ten minutes. But Man United loanee Nick Powell struck towards the end of the game, and another goal from him and Marc-Antoine Fortune in extra time saw Wigan progress 3-1.

Shaun Williams and Reeves gave Dons a 2-0 lead against Bristol City which was pegged back to 2-2 at Ashton Gate, thanks to former hero Sam Baldock, in manager Karl Robinson's 200th game.

The month ended disappointingly both on and off the pitch. Midweek woes continued with a 2-0 defeat at Crewe and a 3-0 loss against Carlisle United, while defender Shaun Williams moved to Championship Millwall.

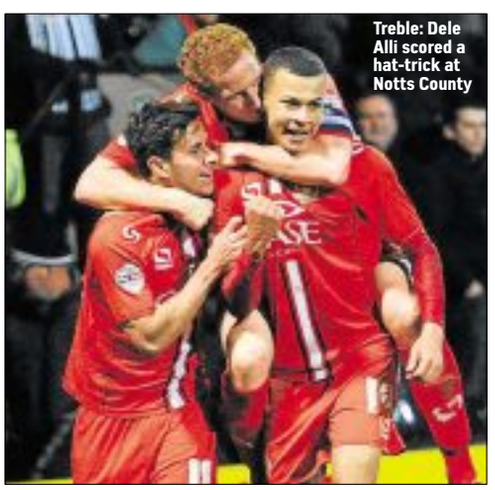
FEBRUARY

EX-DON Ryan Lowe popped up to haunt his old club during the first game in February as Tranmere Rovers picked Dons' pockets to claim a 1-0 win.

Izale McLeod inspired Dons to a superb 3-0 success at Walsall and then came a 2-1 victory over Oldham Athletic. Samir Carruthers and Ben Reeves scored the two goals, but Dons fans would not see another one at stadiummk for more than ten hours of football as they began a horrendous six game run without scoring a goal at home.

Not that you would have thought that when Dons battled to another good point against Simon Grayson's Preston North End.

It was a disappointing trip to Yorkshire when Bradford City defeated the MK1 side, and they were one of six teams who did the double over Dons, the others being Peterborough United, Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Carlisle United and Tranmere Rovers.


Treble: Dele Alli scored a hat-trick at Notts County

Only 54 fans made the trip to Boundary Park to watch Dons against Oldham Athletic as they had failed to win in any of their league midweek games before this outing, but George Baldock's first senior goal for the club got the ball rolling, and a McLeod effort in the 41st minute gave Dons a rare Tuesday night victory.

The month was slightly tapered by the injury of Aston Villa loanee Carruthers.

MARCH

SHEFFIELD United arrived in MK in the middle of an unbelievable sequence of wins, which went on to reach ten, and they gained revenge for Dons' 1-0 win at Bramall Lane in August with a result of the same scoreline. It meant that Dons went in to their game at Swindon Town knowing a win would take them up to seventh in the league, and within touching distance of Peterborough United in the last play-off spot.

Antony Kay equalised in the 68th minute, and a draw looked the most probable outcome until Baldock cut inside from the right and unleashed an unbelievable effort in the last minute to give Dons a sensational win.

Dele Alli scored a magical hat-trick in the 3-1 win over Notts County to give Dons another victory as they looked to crash the top six.

Peterborough United's 2-0 win at Dons was arguably a critical moment in the campaign as Dons would have gone joint-sixth with Posh had they won. Instead they fell six points adrift, and were never able to recover.

That was despite an incredible turnaround against relegation-threatened Stevenage.

Being 2-0 down with nine minutes left, Jordan Spence scored from a corner in the 81st minute, and three minutes later Reeves scored the goal of the season, as later awarded to him at the club's player of the year awards, with a 35-yard screamer. Captain Dean Lewington headed home Dons' winner in injury time to complete an incredible comeback.

The home woes continued straight after that success though as Gillingham beat Dons 1-0, while champions Wolves, who helped break stadiummk's record attendance thanks to 20,516 watching the game, beat Robinson's men by the same scoreline.

Elsewhere, Robinson's assistant Gary Waddock departed to become manager of League Two Oxford, with Richie Barker coming in as a replacement.

APRIL

DELE Alli and Izale McLeod gave Dons a great 2-1 win against Coventry City at Sixfields to start April off with a bang, but any lingering hopes of reaching the play-offs were dashed with a poor 2-0 defeat to John Gregory's Crawley Town.

Easter began disappointingly as Port Vale won 2-0 in Staffordshire, but on Easter Monday against Brentford Dons finally broke their home goal hoodoo. With them 2-0 down with ten minutes left, things were not looking good until Stephen Gleeson fired in a penalty to begin an unlikely comeback. McLeod then scored a great header to make it 2-2.

Another good draw by the same scoreline occurred with Rotherham United at the New York Stadium to round off April, with skipper Dean Lewington celebrating his 500th game.

MAY

THE last month of the season saw Dons lose in a 3-1 reverse against Leyton Orient in the final game, to round off a campaign which was inconsistent, although injuries by this time included Lee Hodson, Antony Kay, Darren Potter, Ben Reeves, and Dean Bowditch.

Late show: George Baldock celebrates his stunning late winner at Swindon
Pictures: Andy Handley

Some cracking results against the likes of Wolves and Rotherham United were always followed by disappointing defeats to the likes of Carlisle United and Tranmere Rovers, who were relegated, to leave Dons tenth, and looking to finish higher in the table in 2014-15.

At the end of season awards, Reeves won four prizes, including player of the year, while Lewington was named as player of the decade.

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ICE HOCKEY

Academy launched

AN ICE hockey academy has been launched in the city ahead of the autumn re-opening of Planet Ice, to help secure the long-term future of the sport.

The academy brings together all of the town's existing ice hockey teams in a single structure, and will provide continuity of coaching and a clear progression path for players.

Milton Keynes Ice Hockey Academy (MKIHA) has been set up by a working group comprising Planet Ice – owners of the rink and represented by managing director John Neville – Harry Howton, a former junior club chairman and one of the founders of a number of prominent ice hockey teams and two representatives from the city's major side MK Lightning, general manager Vito Rausa and head coach Nick Poole.

Mr Neville said: "The future is very exciting and we look forward to continuing the great relationship Planet Ice and the MK Lightning have and to build on this with the newly formed academy."

Coaching at every level will be overseen by Poole, who is also the director of junior development for Milton Keynes.

Looking to the future: Nick Poole

Rausa said: "The Academy structure will give us the opportunity to achieve more as a collective group than as individual teams acting independently, for the benefit of absolutely everyone involved.

"I'm delighted that MK Lightning will be a part of it."

The new Academy structure will comprise the town's junior organisation, MK Storm, National Ice Hockey League team, MK Thunder, recreational teams MK Rumble, MK Jesters, MK Hurricanes and Storm Wreck, ladies' team MK Falcons, the MK Sledge Hockey team and the Learn to Play organisation.

Sitting alongside the Academy will be the town's English Premier League side MK Lightning, who will assist the Academy and provide the final link in the pathway.

The ultimate goal is for a player starting in the Learn to Play programme being able to work through the system and eventually pull on a Lightning jersey.

CYCLING

Great start for Madison

Going for the line: Alex Peters in the home stretch. Picture: veloUK.net

AFTER Madison-Genesis finished second last year, the Bradwell Abbey based team opened their pursuit of this year's Pearl Izumi Tour Series in fine form, taking two team wins in the opening three rounds.

With series honours based on team rather than individual results, it's the team with the best three placed riders at the end of each round that picks up the maximum points and Madison's squad all chipped in.

This year's Tour Series opened in Stoke with a team time trial and after a seventh in the specialist discipline, team manager Roger Hammond reinvigorated his riders ahead of the road race.

The all-important team honours were secured as Alex Peters, 20, and team-mate Tobyn Horton made it a Madison two-three.

"I was really pleased with my result because my training has been based on the Ras stage race in Ireland," said Peters.

Round three in Barrow saw World Championship track medallist Tom Scully put in a storming ride for Madison, breaking away from the field with winner on the night Graham Briggs (Rapha Condor JLT) before the second mid race sprint of the evening.

They held their lead to the final mid-race sprint and although they were pulled back, they reignited their wheels to take the third mid-race sprint before pulling away again in the closing laps.

Kiwi Scully pushed harder on his pedals in the final lap but Briggs pulled passed him just before the chequered flag.

With all five riders finishing in the top 15, Madison again won the team prize and moved closer to improving on their final finishing position from 2013.

Meanwhile, Monkston Park's Harriet Owen (Matrix Fitness – Vulpine) was in the thick of it.

A bad fall on the opening stage of the Women's Tour on the roads to Northampton pretty much defined Harriet's race.

She made it to the end of the stage just inside the cut-off time but was then playing catch up for the rest of the race, and after further delays the gutsy rider made sure she got to the finish.

Owen said: "We knew from the start it was going to be hard."

CRICKET

Ten wicket defeat for Stony in Bucks Cup

Northants League/Bucks Cup

STONY Stratford were beaten by ten wickets as Buckingham Town put them to the sword in the Bucks Cup at Bourton Road on Sunday. Stony were dismissed for 141 after 39 overs, and it took Buckingham 21.3 overs to knock off their target, with them not losing a single wicket.

The day before Stony lost to Horton House by seven wickets in the league, in spite of Hayden Mullins' 56 on their way to 193-9.

Cherwell Cricket League

GREAT Brickhill battled to a seven-point draw with Buckingham Town on Saturday in Division One.

Ash Pearson's unbeaten 119 for Buckingham gave them 288-6 from the first innings, with George Humphries taking 3-72.

But good knocks of 48 for Doug Aris, 44 by Patrick Prasad and Barry Webb's 40 not out meant that Great Brickhill finished on 221-7 by the end of their innings.

Wolverton Town failed to score maximum points as Cumnor held on at 193-9 in the second innings.

Town instead claimed 19 points, striking 223 in the first innings, with Zahoor Malik scoring 73.

In Division Three Bletchley Town lost by six wickets to Sandford St Martin.

Four Counties League

MILTON Keynes City defeated New City MK by four wickets in a low-scoring affair. New City were bowled out for 81 thanks to a five-wicket haul by John Iqbal.

But Milton Keynes City made hard work of chasing that total, with Asif Iqbal top-scoring thanks to a knock of 24.

Opener Marcus Bates scored 64 for Olney Town as they beat Milton Keynes CC by five wickets as Stuart Keeping recorded four maidens with 3-24.

Defending champions North Crawley beat Eaton Bray by 101 runs.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

MK WOLVES claimed their first victory of the East RL Season with a 54-16 success over Southend Spartans.

MK started brightly, putting pressure on the inexperienced Southend side, and forcing them into errors that gave possession to the Wolves.

Converted tries from Dan Pearson and Kyle Gibbings made it 12-0 before Southend pulled a try back. But Andy Hill and Kelvin Dwumfuo made it 20-4 to the Wolves at half-time.

An early try from Paul Dady made it 26-4, and Pearson made a long range break to put Wolves 32-6 up. Steered around by their loose forwards and facing a tiring Wolves defence, Southend then scored tries in succession – the second of which was a very strong run from close to the try line which the Wolves were powerless to defend.

Refusing to be unbowed, MK fought back with Michael Dean again getting on the points scoring list which Brian Purcell converted.

Tom Watson added his name to the list of Wolves try scorers. From the resulting kick off Southend placed the ball straight into touch without it bouncing and handed the ball over to MK. Rolfe again made a strong break courtesy of an inside ball and the resistance from the Spartans was extinguished.

MK ended the game with another try just before the final whistle to make the final score 54-16.

This Saturday, the Wolves U16s take on Hemel U16s at home kicking off at 12pm, with the adults playing pace-setting St Ives.

FORMULA ONE

FORMULA One's showpiece race takes place on Sunday at the Monaco Grand Prix, and Red Bull Racing's Daniel Ricciardo has likened the street track to riding around a house on a bicycle.

Team-mate Sebastian Vettel believes qualifying is crucial as Monaco is a difficult track to overtake on.

The Tilbrook team held their second mid-season testing in Barcelona last week.

ATHLETICS

MILTON Keynes Athletic Club won their second Southern Athletic League match at home to maintain a 100 per cent record.

At the second East Midland Grand Prix road race in Rugby, Matthew Clarke was 12th, taking 34m 23s, followed by 28th place Jeremy Vick in 35m 53s, with the first female being Wendy Webber in 90th.

At the Midland Masters Throws Pentathlon in Derby, Jack Kee (M70) picked up 3,308 points while Paige Barnes (F17) recorded 2,880 points.

In Corby at the British Miler's Club Meeting, George Glinski (M17) finished in 2m 12.1s in the 800m and Oli Lum (M20) 2m 12.5s while at the Oxford Open Meeting William Clarke (M17) set personal best times in the 200m and 800m. In the javelin, Edward Wilson (M20) improved to 50.69m.

ROLLER DERBY

MILTON Keynes Roller Derby's female B team, The Udder Team, took part in a mini tournament in High Wycombe, taking their first win and coming second overall. MKRD's next event will be The Concrete Cows against Bedfordshire Rollergirls, in their second Heartland Series 2014 game of the season.

SPEEDWAY

MK KNIGHTS raced to victory twice over the weekend. Friday saw them beat the Castleford Kings in a hard-fought 19-16 win at Scunthorpe.

Sunday brought the Long Eaton Invaders to Mildenhall and MK won 25-11, consolidating their place at the top of the Midland Development League.

This Sunday sees the Knights welcome Buxton Hitmen to West Row.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

STONY Stratford Town have appointed Anthony Lands as their new first team manager.

Meanwhile, Leisure Leagues in MK has expanded due to popular demand, which will see an extra 70 players taking part. For more information you can phone 0333 123 2340.

And Milton Keynes City U10s girls' side the Crystals beat City Belles 2-0 to round off an unbeaten season.

BADMINTON

ENGLAND'S women, based in MK, need a win against Russia this evening to progress to the knock-out stages of the team event The Uber Cup.

The men are already out of their Thomas Cup event.

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Barker confirmed as Dons' head of coaching

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RICHIE Barker has been confirmed as Dons' head of coaching.

The former Bury, Crawley Town and Portsmouth boss fulfilled the role for the club's final six games of last season, and he has now taken up the role as boss Karl Robinson's number two on a permanent basis.

"I'm pleased that it's done now so we all know where we're going to be next season," said Barker.

"The continuity attracted me here. "Very few clubs look at the long term and the players this club have produced speak for themselves.

"Over the last three years I've got to know Karl, playing against him and the manner he conducts himself in, and there weren't many managers I'd want to be a number two for so that played a role as well."

Barker now says he wants Dons to do better than their tenth place this season in League One.

"We're certainly looking to improve and we'll be looking to be in and around the play-offs, if not then pushing for those automatic places," he said. "Depending on the recruitment and if we can keep the key players fit for longer then we need to look at minimum top six."

Manager Robinson said: "I'm excited by Richie's appointment.

"It helped having the last six games of the season to get to know somebody and how we each work.

"We've got some interesting things to implement that he has used at other football clubs and we want to learn from each other."

Dons are also getting closer to bringing some new players in, but one man who will not line up for the club next season is Alan Smith.

The former Leeds United, Manchester United and Newcastle United man has signed for Notts County in a player-coach role, and Robinson said the Yorkshireman wanted to concentrate more on his coaching and be nearer to home.

"None of the players released were for financial reasons," said Robinson. "We knew Smithy was given an opportunity and I'm sad to see him go but it's the nature of the industry."

Striker Izale McLeod will also not play for Dons next season after it was decided that an option on the club's record goalscorer would not be taken up for 2014-15.

Robinson said: "We're looking for a different type of style next year and Izale has been wonderful since he has been here. He's an unbelievable fella and he's not let anybody down."

Winger Ryan Hall has also left but midfielder Mark Randall has been offered a new contract alongside centre back Antony Kay and central midfielder Stephen Gleeson, and answers could be forthcoming over those three players soon.

One year options for Ben Reeves and Lee Hodson have also been taken up by the club.

"Mark has been really good, and we've offered him an incentive based contract so he's still got to work hard to get something out of the deal," said Robinson. "We'll hopefully have some news on the others very shortly and if not then I need to move on because we have people waiting in the wings.

"I've got some exciting things in the shop window which might be available so hopefully there will be some positive news shortly."

Pleased: Head of coaching Richie Barker said he was pleased that he would be taking up the role beyond last season's final six games

Great City victory for Rutherford as he beats bitter rival Tomlinson

GREG Rutherford's preparation for this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow looks to be continuing at a nice pace as he emerged victorious in the Great City Games in Manchester.

The Milton Keynes long jumper won the event with a leap of 8.02m.

"It's always nice to win," Olympic champion Rutherford said.

"The performance itself was way down on where I wanted to be.

"Technically I didn't look good, but it's good to go up against top competitors and pull it out of the bag somehow."

Victory was made all the more sweeter for Rutherford as British rival Chris Tomlinson could only muster up a best of 7.77m, finishing third.

Twenty-seven-year-old Rutherford admitted before the event that he was nervous about it.

"I got more nervous today than I think I've been for competitions for a long time," he said. "I was fighting something that I hadn't felt for ages."

Meanwhile, a decision is expected later this month over whether Rutherford's British record 8.51m jump in San Diego will be ratified by UK Athletics.

Rutherford set the record at the Olympic Training Centre in California, but that was questioned by rival Tomlinson, who said he was stuck between a rock and a hard place over whether to protest the jump.

Rutherford said: "I can't really think of any way that it won't be ratified."

• Meanwhile at the Loughborough International representing GB Juniors, MK's Freddie Curtis threw 69.02m for fifth spot in the javelin, with city Olympian Mervyn Luckwell finishing sixth with his 67.03m effort.

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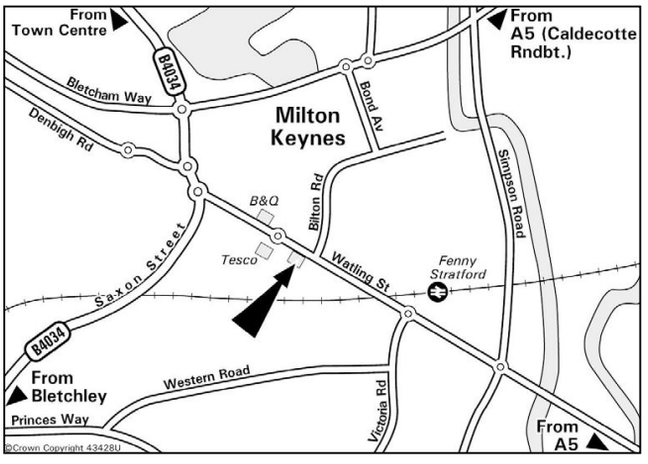

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